

Regular Minutes of the  
Ashland City Planning Commission  
February 4, 2013

The Ashland City Planning Commission met in regular session on February 4, 2013 At 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Chairman Chris LaCrosse called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Yvonne Stinnett, Hadley Williams, Gary Norwood, Melody Sleeper, Mayor Johnson, Chris LaCrosse

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Michael W. Armstrong, Franklin Wilkinson, Rachael Ivie

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Norwood and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Williams to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting from January 7, 2013. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Forum:** None

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:**

A. Discussion of Land Use Plan

Rachael Ivie addressed the Commission and presented a documented compilation of all the goals that were brought up at the last meeting. Rachael requested the Commission to review the document for concurrence, comments, or additions. The purpose is to incorporate the goals into Chapter six as the Development Plan. Rachael presented the Main Goals and All Goals for review. Norwood stated that education in the public schools and recreational opportunities need to be addressed. Rachael stated it can be included as an overview of the City's profile with in the plan. After further discussion of ideas to attract residential development, economic viability, employment opportunities, the Senior Center, tourism, and cleaning up the City, Rachael directed the Commission to the next page of the document that lists additional goals submitted after the January 2013 meeting. After further discussion Rachel stated that from reviewing all the goals, she has summarized the Ultimate Goal to "Make Ashland City an attractive place to live and work". The next section looks directly at Chapter 6 and is basically the same as what was presented last month. The sections in parentheses reflect changes or details of what will be in the draft of the update for Chapter 6. The main focus should be on the section regarding general development and growth management. Rachael reviewed and commented on objectives by category. After further discussion Rachael stated she will revise the plan based on newly stated ideas and goals and submit it for review at a future meeting.

**Other:**

Armstrong addressed the Commission and stated that three priority items identified in the GNRC work program, the “developers packet”, the “sign ordinance”, and the “design review manual” have been thoroughly reviewed by the Codes department and now presented to Rachael for review and comment. We should see some positive results regarding these priority items in the near future. Also, we will be proceeding with a cleanup campaign in the City. We are in the process of identifying codes violation cases, potential code violations, vacant properties, rental properties, foreclosures, and properties that may not be a codes violation cases but may need some clean up. The document presented shows a draft of a letter we will be sending out to property owners and tenants of potential code violation cases and a plan of action on how we will proceed with this clean up. Along with this we will be providing a dumpster for residents of Ashland City to use during this campaign. The target date for dumpster access will be the week of May 20, 2013 thru May 24, 2013. This will be by invitation only and not open to the general public to prevent potential overload from properties outside the City and landlords that own multiple rental properties in the area. We will also identify some roadside dumping sites and clean them up. The initial phase will be on property clean up but we will be following up in a timely manner and address other code violations that may exist. We will evaluate the effectiveness of this program at the end of the summer in 2013 and make improvements as needed.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Stinnett and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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Chairman Chris LaCrosse