

**MINUTES
COLUMBUS PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 12, 2013 AT 4:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
123 WASHINGTON STREET
COLUMBUS, INDIANA**

Members Present: Roger Lang (President), Frank Jerome, Dave Hayward, John Hatter, Tony London, Dick Gaynor, Dave Fisher, and Tom Wetherald.

Members Absent: Bryan Schroer, Nancy Ann Brown, Mike Harris, and Tom Finke, (Bartholomew County Liaison).

Staff Present: Jeff Bergman, Melissa Begley, Rae-Leigh Stark, Emilie Pinkston, Thom Weintraut, Allie Keen, Sondra Bohn, Heather Peterson (Summer Intern) and Donald Edwards (Deputy City Attorney).

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the May 8, 2013 minutes (Approval and Signing).

Motion: Mr. London made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hayward seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION

None

NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION

Adoption of Planning Department Fee Schedule

Mr. Bergman stated staff had provided the Commissioners with a copy of a draft proposal of a revised fee schedule for the Planning Department. He stated these proposed changes were in order to be consistent with processes and procedures that were revised with the 2008 adoption of the replacement zoning ordinance, address observed issues with the current fee schedule and provide a uniform fee schedule for all jurisdictions served by the Department (Columbus, Bartholomew County and the Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Joint District).

Mr. Bergman stated at the last meeting there had not been much discussion due to the late meeting, but if anyone wanted, there could be discussion now. He stated that the Bartholomew County Plan Commission had approved the new fees in the morning meeting as presented.

Mr. Bergman stated that for the vast majority of communities the fees they charge are based on what they have been charging the last number of years and periodically they do increase. He stated sometimes they look at what the surrounding communities charge and try to be consistent.

Mr. Bergman stated if you look at some comparisons on the chart, you would notice that Carmel, Indiana has calculated the amount of staff time involved in certain things and they very deliberately set their rates to compensate the community for the time and materials involved for review. He stated that Noblesville and Fishers also have most of their cases coming from for profit developers and their fees reflect that.

Mr. Fisher asked if this fee schedule would reflect the philosophies that the Mayor and City Council would have. Mr. Bergman stated that the new fees were consistent with historically how they have been viewed by the City County. He stated he hoped that Mr. Jerome, being the City Council representative, would raise any concerns that he had if he was not in agreement with the changes.

Mr. Bergman stated that procedurally the fee schedule is the responsibility of the Plan Commission and there is no requirement to ask anyone else to change. Mr. Bergman stated it did not have to go to the City Council.

Mr. Fisher asked if the fees were waived for schools, county offices, etc. would that be a reciprocal thing between governmental agencies. Mr. Bergman stated in the past we have been charged for different things, such as using the cafeteria at Richards for a meeting or the Records Office for copies. He stated this is a frequent request from units of government, including public schools and it was his opinion that those fees should be waived.

Motion: Mr. Hayward made a motion to approve the fee schedule as presented. Mr. Gaynor seconded the motion and it carried with unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation of Bartholomew County Northern Gateway Plan.

Mr. Weintraut stated the Planning Department had facilitated the work of a steering committee that has reviewed existing conditions, set goals and created the Northern Gateway Land Use and Transportation Plan in the Bartholomew County jurisdiction.

Mr. Weintraut stated that the Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners adopted the Northern Gateway Land Use and Transportation Plat as an Element of the Comprehensive Plan for Bartholomew County in June 2012.

Mr. Jerome asked where the County Line was located. Mr. Weintraut stated anything north of 900N is Edinburgh's jurisdiction.

Mr. Jerome asked if the land east of the 800N railroad crossing was for future development. Mr. Weintraut stated it was zoned mainly Agriculture with a small portion that was zoned Industrial.

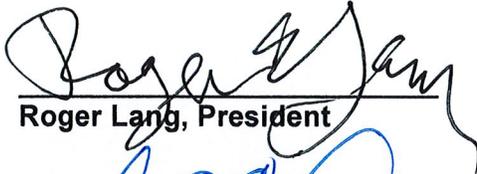
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bergman stated that the Annual Joint Plan Commission Meeting would be held Wednesday, July 17, 2013 in the Meeting Hall at Columbus City Hall. He stated that Mayor Brown and the County Commissioners would be present to discuss City & County Priorities.

Mr. Bergman stated that there would be other discussion topics included and staff would be giving presentations of ongoing projects that they were working on. He encouraged everyone to save the date and plan to attend.

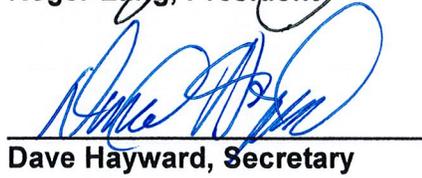
LIASION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT: 5:00 p.m.



Roger Lang, President

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Dave Hayward, Secretary

