

Planning and Zoning Minutes  
April 7th , 2009

**Present:** Mike O’Neill, Russ Barney, Karen Hodge, Pete Linville

**Meeting Minutes** for Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved with one name correction.

**Business License** Heimerl Law Firm – **Approved**  
Golden Eagle Lawn Care – **Approved**

**Special Use Permit/ Pioneer Park Transit Center**

Bill Knight explained the transit center and how it would function. How it would take much of the cars off of Main Street and allow for the businesses on Main to use the parking allowed to them. START bussing will travel to Pioneer park and pick up the riders at the south end of the park. The transit center would have restrooms and an enclosed sitting area. In getting the Federal funding we need to work quickly . There are a few designers in the community that will do pro bono work to get it under way.

The public comment portion was opened. **Larry Thal** expressed that the idea was a good one, but he felt that we as a city should master plan the whole park before we make any mistakes about placing something good in a bad location. He asked the question on how the park is conceived in the community. Was the whole 54+ acres considered park or is Pioneer Park just a portion of civically owned property. Maybe the parking fits as long as it fits with a recreational component of it.

The public comment was closed.

After much discussion the commission felt that the transit center was an appropriate use for the park and it would be in the best interest of the city to provide parking for commuters in this area of the city.

The motion to recommend approval of the needed area for the transit center to the council was voted on and passed unanimously. The commission attached the need to take under consideration the master planning process that will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and incorporate the suggestions from that meeting.

**Public hearing for Ordinance changes/ Chapters I and II.**

P&Z administrator went over the need changes that were suggested by the City Attorney. Chapter I to read:

- C. **Authority.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by the Local Planning Act of 1975 and city’s constitutional police powers. It includes the zoning ordinance required by I.C. 67-6511 and the subdivision ordinance required by I.C. 67-6513. It also fulfills the other requirements of the Local Planning Act, including the provision for variances required by I.C. 67-6516, the adoption of a hearing procedure required by I.C. 67-6534

Chapter II to read:

- C. **Duties of Commission.** The commission shall, as required by I.C. 67-6508, “conduct comprehensive planning process designed to prepare, implement, and

review and update a comprehensive plan” for the city and area of impact. ~~The commission shall exercise all powers granted to it by the Local Planning Act and fulfill all duties required by this ordinance.~~ The proceedings of the commission shall be governed by its by-laws.

- D. Planning and Zoning Administrator.** The mayor may, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the council, appoint an administrator, who ~~shall~~ may have the following duties:

The public hearing was opened and closed with no comment.

The commission recommended to the council to pass the suggested changes. The vote was unanimous.

**Review of the Sign Ordinance.** The commission went over the sign ordinance provided by staff. This ordinance was an edited version from the Town of Jackson. The commission felt that the Jackson ordinance was too confusing. After some discussion, the board wanted to get suggestions from the sign committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

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P&Z Chairman- Mike O’Neill