

GLADWIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

June 28, 2022

The Gladwin City Planning Commission met in regular session June 28, 2022 at Gladwin City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Darlington.

Commissioners present: Clayton, Darlington, Wendell, Czape, English, Mienk and Gutierrez.

Commissioners absent: David and King.

Also present: Zoning Administrator Weaver and Nancy Bodnar.

Motion by Commissioner Mienk, supported by Commissioner Czape to approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2022 as presented (Joint meeting of Planning Commission, Parks Commission and City Council). Commissioner Czape questioned why the Planning Commission had not participated in the preparation of the Capital Improvements Plan as had happened in the past and as was mandated by statute. The comment will be relayed to the city administrator. Discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

A proposal for two wall signs was presented for Woodspell Apothecary. As the square footage was acceptable for a wall sign on the east side and the south side, a motion was made by Commissioner Mienk, supported by Commissioner Clayton to allow the wall signs as requested pursuant to Article VI, Section 602, 6a (4) (vi). All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gutierrez questioned why some sign installations were occurring without the Commission's review. She was referred to the ordinance which called for the Commission, rather than Rowe personnel to review those instances when multiple wall signs were involved. As the ordinance is now being reviewed, this could be changed so the planner reviews all.

Weaver reminded the commissioners of the upcoming zoning ordinance review July 20, 2022. The revised Planning Commission by-laws were distributed for the commissioners' review. Mr. Ball, Rowe Incorporated's consultant noted there were few substantive changes. Most changes were made to provide consistency between the Planning and Zoning Enabling Act, the current ordinance and the by-laws. As this is a separate item from ordinance review, the Commission could approve these at any time they see fit. Chairperson Darlington asked that the commissioners review the document and that it be placed on the next agenda as an action item.

Weaver also noted that when she discusses paving with city property owners, many ask if they can use crushed asphalt as an alternative to concrete or asphalt paving. They are told the recycled product provides a good base; however, the current requirements are hard surfacing as previously mentioned. That could possibly be an item for discussion at the next workshop. Questions were posed about the private, formerly paved Charles Ashcraft Boulevard. Are there ordinance requirements that the street be paved? Weaver will contact the planners.

Commissioner Darlington stated how nice the city park looked and what an excellent job Roger Willford was doing as park manager. Following the meeting, she was taking her grandchildren there to participate in the progressive "Storybook Walk". Councilperson Nancy Bodnar stated that the Park Commission is considering several ideas for more activities in the Northpark area, including the addition of more playground equipment.

Commissioner Darlington adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.



Bernadette L. Weaver, Recording Secretary