



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 16, 2014
Kendall

Present: Commissioners Jeff Kendall, Jan Johnston, Dick Stratton

Excused: Commissioner Jeff Jochums

Staff: Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp, Planner Mona Green

Commissioner Kendall called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Minutes: Commissioner Stratton moved to approve the December 16, 2013 minutes as written. Commissioner Kendall seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnston reminded the other commissioners that with Chairperson Wade Morlock's Town Council term beginning January 1, 2014, their first order of business was to elect a new chairperson. She moved to nominate Commissioner Stratton as the new Chairperson for the remainder of his term. Commissioner Kendall seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Kulp assured the commissioners that Mayor Leider has been working hard to fill the two Commission vacancies. She reported the Council just confirmed Jeff Jochums this week; he will join the Commission at February's meeting. She noted Mayor Leider is still working to fill the other vacancy, which should be soon.

Old Business: Planner Green updated the Commission that she visited the Council meeting this week, reporting the Council has reviewed the Dept. of Ecology comments and are still discussing them. She explained the DOE would visit the Council's February meeting to address those outstanding comments directly with the Council.

New Business: Chairperson Stratton encouraged the Commission to get right to it on the Comprehensive Plan update. Deputy Clerk Kulp distributed copies of the existing 2004 Comp Plan. Planner Green explained how the newly acquired state grant, given through the Department of Commerce, would work to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Planner Green distributed handout copies including a 1) guide, 2) scope and statement of work, and 3) periodic update for cities. She explained how Beaux Arts would use these handouts to update its 10-year-old Comp Plan. She described the 15-month schedule the grant allows for review and recommendation of an updated plan to the Council. She expressed how the Council would review and submit back to the State within the two year required allotment, just like the recently completed Shoreline Master Program. She clarified that even though this is Comp Plan update is an obligation, it is much more straightforward than the recent SMP and therefore should go much more quickly. She reminded the commissioners the Comp Plan is a general

document with goals, policies and characteristics. Chairperson Stratton shared his concern about the need for widening wireless, fiber optic choices. After some discussion, Planner Green pointed out that widening this choice could be an example of a utility goal in the revised Comp Plan. Planner Green also shared with the Commission that all local Planning Commissions have been invited by the Dept. of Commerce to a “short course on local planning”, which will be sponsored by the City of Medina, on a date to be determined. Chairperson Stratton inquired about the overall net gain of attending such a course, which Planner Green and Deputy Clerk Kulp attempted to answer with examples illustrating the better we understand the process, the more effective the commissioners. Planner Green asked the commissioners to become familiar with all distributed documents as their homework before February’s meeting, and bring their questions for discussion.

Adjourn: Commissioner Johnston moved to adjourn the meeting and Chairperson Stratton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Thursday, February 20, 2014, 7:00pm at Commissioner Kendall’s home.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Kulp, Deputy Town Clerk