

# FREMONT AREA JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 26, 2007  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Dayton Township Hall

**Members Present:** Dayton Township: Shirley Hooker  
Dayton Township: Barbara Popp  
Dayton Township: Chuck Whitman  
Dayton Township: Kent Folkema  
Sheridan Township: Don Potter  
Sheridan Township: Jack Taylor (Chair)  
Sheridan Township: Jeff Wharton  
Sheridan Township: Tom Karnemaat  
City of Fremont: Jim Breinling  
City of Fremont: Peg May  
City of Fremont: Don Henry  
City of Fremont: Lon Vredeveld

**Members Absent:** City of Fremont: David Crosley

**Others Present:** City of Fremont: Michele Ribant  
Dayton/Sheridan Townships: Peter Lance  
Recording Secretary: Kathy Vaida

**Presenters:** Land Info. Access Assoc.: Heather Seyfarth  
Joe VanderMeulen

Editor's Note: David Crosley tendered his resignation to the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission on the day of the meeting, November 26, 2007.

## Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting of the Commission was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chair Jack Taylor. Chair Taylor reminded the Commission that some of the Commission terms expire in January 2008 and that the municipalities need to address membership on the Commission. It was noted that Barbara Popp will not be seeking re-appointment to the Commission in 2008. Jeff Wharton indicated that he is interested in serving another term on the Commission.

Jack Taylor noted that members that had no planning commission experience before joining the Commission are required to attend eight hours of training before the end of the year. He indicated that a handout has been provided outlining the education hours each commissioner has satisfied this past year, and that if updates are needed, they should inform Peg May, the Commission's secretary.

## Approval of Agenda

Chuck Whitman requested the Chamber of Commerce be added to New Business.

A motion was made by Jim Breinling, seconded by Barbara Popp and carried to approve the November 26, 2007 agenda with the addition as presented.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Lon Vredeveld, seconded by Don Henry and carried to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2007 meeting.

### **Update on Meeting with Newaygo County to Discuss GIS**

Peter Lance said that at the meeting of November 7, 2007 with Newaygo County, the County indicated that they are satisfied with what they now have with layers and resolution. They are open to improving it only if they can justify it. It was reported that they are pursuing more training through LIAA to help them understand how to provide more accurate information and how much it would cost to add layers that the Commission or other municipalities may want. They indicated that any service they provide to the FCJPC must also be available to any other municipality within the County. There will be a meeting on Friday, November 30, 2007 in Traverse City. All are welcome to come to the meeting and participate.

### **Update on Joint Planning Commission Members serving on Public School Focus Groups**

Jim Breinling and Jack Taylor indicated that they will serve on the Public School Facilities Focus Group. Peg May reported that she and Michele Ribant were slated to serve on the Community Involvement Focus Group, but the time that that group meets conflicts with the time of another Committee obligation; they both are active on the Fremont Planning Commission.

Jim Breinling reported that the Facilities team was very small, and they would like more people involved. Mr. Breinling reported that Dr. Kingsnorth led the meeting and was looking for co-chairs. He gave the Commission a brief update on the meeting. He said their next meeting is on Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 p.m.

### **Discussion on Process for Handling Joint Planning Commission Budget**

It was reported that the Boards of both Dayton Township and Sheridan Charter Township have been informed about the idea to change the FCJPC's budget year from the calendar year to the City's fiscal year, which is from July 1 to June 30 each year. The change was prompted by the City's auditor's recommendation. It was further reported that the Townships had no problem with the proposed change. Michele Ribant proposed that the amount of money left in the budget on December 31, 2007 be rolled over (extended) to create an interim budget for a six month period from January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. The Commission was informed that a new budget would then be created for the new fiscal year of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

A motion was made by Jeff Wharton, seconded by Tom Karnemaat and carried to approve the change of the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission's fiscal year from the calendar year to the City's fiscal year, which is currently July 1 to June 30 of each year and that the Commission recommend to the City of Fremont, Dayton Township and Sheridan Charter Township that an interim six (6) month budget be approved for January 1, 2008 to July 30, 2008, which will be funded by extending the 2007 current year budget.

## **Comprehensive Plan Revision**

The Commission reviewed each proposed goal, objective and strategy. Red and green cards were provided to each Commission member so that as the Commission reviewed each goal, etc., they could raise a red flag if they wanted to come back to the goal, etc. and discuss, fine-tune or eliminate it in the Plan. Ms. Seyfarth indicated that at the next meeting the Commission will discuss any matters that were red flagged. She also said that at the next meeting we will start the land use map exercises.

## **Public Comment**

There were no members of the public present; therefore, there was no public comment.

## **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business to report.

## **New Business**

Chuck Whitman noted that Fremont Chamber of Commerce was in the Grand Rapids Press asking for guest speakers. Mr. Whitman recommended that the FCJPC sign up to have a speaker attend the meeting in March to explain the work of the FCJPC. Michele Ribant said she will create a power point presentation for such presentations, if one is not already made.

## **Next Meeting Date**

December 10, 2007  
Dayton Township Hall  
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Chuck Whitman, seconded by Jeff Wharton and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.