

**FREMONT AREA JOINT PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING**

Monday, September 24, 2007

5:00-7:00 PM

Dayton Township Hall

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

Members Absent: Sheridan Township: Tom Karnemaat
Dayton Township: Kent Folkema
City of Fremont: David Crosley

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

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

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting of the Commission was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair Jack Taylor. Michele Ribant informed the members that Sherri Anderson-Patterson resigned from the Commission due to other obligations. Sherri's position will be filled by David Crosley. Michele distributed copies of the "Charter of the New Urbanism" document and the "Resolution No. R-07-28" adopting these concepts of smart growth and urbanism by the City of Fremont. Michele suggested that the Commission consider adopting this document as well.

Review and Review of Agenda

It was requested by Heather Seyfarth that an "Existing Position of Master Plan" be added to Item #4 as Item #4A. A motion was made by Don Henry, seconded by Jim Breinling and carried to approve the September 24, 2007 agenda with the addition of the jurisdictions represented.

Review and Approval of Minutes

It was noted that Dave Lue should not be listed as a member of the Commission. Other “housekeeping” errors were discussed. A motion was made by Jeff Wharton, seconded by Don Potter and carried to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2007 meeting with the corrections of the jurisdictions represented.

Discussion on Survey

The public survey has been mailed out. There has been no initial feedback yet. The deadline for the public to mail in the survey is October 5.

Existing Position of Master Plan

The members of the commission will be given the public survey to fill out anonymously. Heather will mail each commission member two copies of the survey. One would be to fill out and the other to keep for their records.

Joe VanderMeulen would like to request meetings with major interest groups in the community (Foundation, businesses, educational, etc.) to extend invitations to come to the commission meetings.

The Fremont School District has started conducting “Vision” sessions with the public. LIAA is concerned with that as there has been no communications between the Fremont School Board and the FCJPC Board. It was decided to have a small delegation from the commission meet with the superintendent of the school district to compare visions and make sure the two groups are in sync with common goals.

- The delegation will be Jack Taylor, Jim Breinling, Chuck Whitman and Joe VanderMeulen.
- Michele Ribant will make the arrangements for the meeting. The delegation will go to the superintendent’s workplace.
- LIAA will bring some commission materials for the superintendent to share with the school board. If the public survey has been completed, that will be brought also.
- The delegation will have a pre-meeting an hour before the meeting.
- This meeting will not include Providence High School. They are, however, welcome to the public meetings.

Discussion on Plan Goals

The 2001 Goals Feedback was revisited and compared to the 10 Smart Growth Tenets. It was noted that Goal #7 and Goal #9 should be looked at closely. These might be good for guidance in implementing the Tenets. The 10 Smart Growth Tenets seem to be more striving but should somehow include Goal #7 and #9. Maybe they could become an introductory statement. No conclusions on changes were made from the discussion.

Plan for Next Public Meeting

- The next public meeting will take place on Monday, October 29, 2007, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Michele will look into the availability of the library for that evening. (The scheduled October 22 commission meeting will still take place.)
- The meeting will present the commission's goals and get the public's feedback on the goals.
- Breakout sessions will take place in the same manner as the July 23, 2007 public meeting.
- Promotion for the public meeting will include each commission member giving Heather ten names and address of people to invite, placement of an ad in the Times Indicator, inviting those that attended the July meeting and 8 x 10 posters for placement.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to report.

New Business

No new business to report.

Public Comment

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

Next Meeting Dates

October 22, 2007 at the Dayton Township Hall, 5:00 p.m. (Commission Meeting)

October 29, 2007 at the Fremont Library (to be confirmed) 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Public Meeting)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chuck Whitman, seconded by Barbara Popp and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.