

Planning and Zoning Commission
Village of Leawood

The Planning and Zoning Commission met Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at Redings Mill Fire Station #2 (South Rangeline).

The 6:00 p.m. meeting was opened by Chairman Kurt Higgins. Members present were Cliff Barker, Denny Desmond, Brad Long, Rick McCord, and Phyllis Sapp.

Agenda and minutes of the May 2, 2013 meeting were approved with Desmond making the motion and Barker seconding.

Denny Desmond reported the results of those willing to serve or not on the new Comprehensive Planning Committee. Volunteering are Steve Coats (Fire Chief for Redings Mill), Denny Desmond (trustee), Beverly Kiehl (47th St.), Brad (trustee) and Marcia Long, John Mitchell (former trustee), Don and Brenda Orban (Southern Hills), Mitch Randles (Joplin Fire Chief and Southern Hills resident), and Steve Sturns (Indiana St.). Adena Burke (CB&T) has been transferred from the village area and Bob Harding (former Trustee) declined. No response has been received from residents Bruce Secrist (attorney), Dave Smith (construction company), Ernie Trumbly (who wrote existing CP), and Adam Boyd (Brookwood Dr.). Boyd is out of town but indicated he would be willing to serve in any way needed at a previous meeting. Fran and Dale Owen (trustees) are also willing to participate which brings the committee to thirteen.

The proposed Agreement for Comprehensive Planning Services provided by the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council (HSTCC) was distributed and representatives Jason Ray and Nathan Jurey were introduced. Exhibit A was discussed and gave a tentative timeline in completing the new Comprehensive Plan. HSTCC representatives would facilitate Comprehensive Planning Committee meetings which would usually be evening meetings lasting an hour. Success and actual timeline depend on aggressiveness of the committee. It will be a several weeks project beginning with weekly meetings and going to biweekly. There will also be a public meeting which should be kept to two hours or less.

Committee members will put together a survey and hold a public meeting to introduce the Comprehensive Plan project. They will meet with stakeholders (businesses, commercial landholders, etc). to determine their wants, needs, and individual plans for expansion. Then they will present the results and identify strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. HSTCC will do a current land use map and a future land use map.

It is important to remember a Comprehensive Plan is not legally binding. It just proves thought and time have been put in by the Village. Revising zoning ordinances would not be a part of the plan. HSTCC will help identify funding resources and also have good communication with MODOT and the City of Joplin. Roads tend to be a large part of the plan. Comprehensive Plans are usually updated every ten years.

Samples of surveys will be provided, but the committee can adjust to what they want included. A 10 % return of surveys is considered good. HSTCC assisted Saginaw recently and their return was about 50%.

The first meeting of the CP Committee will be Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013 at 7 p.m.
The general public meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. with locations to be decided.

The next meeting of Planning and Zoning will be Tuesday, November 19th at 6 p.m.
Cliff Barker requested an excused absence as he will be out of town.
With no further business, Desmond moved to adjourn with Long seconding.
Motion carried and Kurt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Sapp
Secretary, Planning and Zoning Commission

Minutes approved: _____ Date: _____