

ARLINGTON CITY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Chairman Nagel presiding.

Members Present: Chairman Lowell Nagel, Grabitske, Haggenmiller, Hislop, Kramer, Kreft, Mielke, Pinske, Councilmember Curt Reetz

Members Absent: None

Also Present: P&Z Administrator Jenness

Motion by Kreft, seconded by Hislop, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2007 meeting as presented.

Jenness explained that the Comprehensive Plan Exploratory Task Force had met with Cynthia Smith-Strack of Municipal Development Group. She provided them with a sample of a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to find consulting firms who provide Comprehensive Planning Services. Jenness commented on the high points of the RFQ. There was some discussion on the Comprehensive Plan itself and what would be included (annexation). Reetz commented that the Task Force has to meet and work out a budget for the Comp Plan and everything associated with it. Reetz commented that keeping the lines of communication open with the Township and residents is crucial as far as the Comp Plan (road to the future). Jenness commented on the Geographic Information System (GIS) and how this will work with the Comp Plan. Hislop expressed concern that he would like to see under the Land Use portion of the Comp Plan a designation for a historical district.

Jenness presented the May Building Permit Report. Hislop expressed concern about the quality/type (manufactured) of homes currently going in the Meyerson development; they don't fit the character of the neighborhood. He stated that residents in the area were complaining that their property values are going down because of these homes. Jenness commented that the homes have to meet the Building Code. He did not recall seeing any covenants in the Developer's Agreement about what type of homes were to go into the development.

Jenness talked about the mobile home park on the east end of town. He commented this area is in need of renovation. Some discussion was held on how this could be accomplished. Jenness commented that he would like to shut down the current site and start a new one in another part of town (with restrictive covenants attached), which could satisfy the affordable housing need within the city.

Some discussion was held on the problem (junk) yards in town. Jenness stated that he is working with the Police Department on them.

Motion by Hislop, seconded by Grabitske, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

P&Z Administrator Harry Jenness

Chairman Lowell Nagel