



City of Arkansas City

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 08, 2022 at 5:30 PM — 400 W. Madison Ave., Arkansas City, KS

Call to Order

Roll Call

PRESENT: Mary Benton, Lloyd Colston, Paisley Howerton, Brandon Jellings, Ian Kuhn, Kyle Lewis, Joni Spicer, Tom Wheatley

ABSENT: Cody Richardson

Staff present at roll call were Principal Planner Josh White and Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson.

Also present at roll call was Mayor Canyon Gingher.

Public Comments

Persons who wish to address the Planning Commission regarding items not on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Any presentation is for information purposes only. No action will be taken.

No such comments from the public were made.

Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes, **January 11, 2022 meeting.**

Motion made by Colston, Seconded by Benton to approve the minutes as written.

Voting Yea: Benton, Colston, Howerton, Jellings, Kuhn, Lewis, Spicer, Wheatley

Consideration

2. Recommend representatives to other boards

Consensus was to keep Ian Kuhn as the representative of the Traffic Safety Committee. After discussion, it was determined that any Planning Commissioner could serve as an alternate as needed.

Motion made by Colston, Seconded by Spicer to recommend to the City Commission that Tom Wheatley be appointed to the Historic Preservation Board to replace Commissioner Jennings' unexpired term.

Voting Yea: Benton, Colston, Howerton, Jellings, Kuhn, Lewis, Spicer, Wheatley

Comprehensive Plan

3. **Comprehensive Plan discussion**

White said that staff is still working on surveying. He spoke about the visioning process that Kansas State University Technical Assistance to Brownfields program in partnership with South Dakota State University. SDSU is using this as a class project. The students will take the results from the input sessions and provide the results to the City in April. Lawson noted that the Planning Commission may have the opportunity to preview results at a future meeting.

White explained the remainder of the adoption of the Plan. He then started discussion on the Introduction section of the draft plan. Kuhn asked how well old plan were followed. White felt that

there was varying level of successes in accomplishing goals with the various plans over the years. Mayor Gingher asked about the housing grant that the City was recently awarded. White explained how that grant will work which will be used to rehabilitate about 12 houses in the neighborhoods along West Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma Avenues. It focuses on a target area. Colston felt as if there was a little too much information on the Census in the introduction. White said he would look at shortening that section. Spicer asked why the information about race was included. White said it was to paint of picture of the make-up of the community. White then moved discussion on to the Community Character section. He described it as the story of Ark City. It talks about all of the services and opportunities that the City offers. Spicer felt more should be included about Cowley College. White said that that particular section was reviewed by the College and that was what ended up in the draft.

Other Items

Wheatley asked if there were any updates on the pool study. Kuhn noted that the study was ongoing and the City Commission would have the option to make information available to the public after that was complete. White noted that the City was planning to make this process as transparent as possible.

Adjournment

Motion made by Colston, Seconded by Wheatley.

Voting Yea: Benton, Colston, Howerton, Jellings, Kuhn, Lewis, Spicer, Wheatley

Kuhn declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.