

# Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

**Monday, January 26, 2009**

**5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Fremont City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**Members Present:** Sheridan Charter Township: Don Potter  
Sheridan Charter Township: Jack Taylor (Chair)  
Sheridan Charter Township: Jeff Wharton  
Sheridan Charter Township: Tom Karnemaat  
Dayton Township: Shirley Hooker  
City of Fremont: Jim Breinling  
City of Fremont: Don Henry  
City of Fremont: Peg May

**Members Absent:** Dayton Township: Kent Folkema  
Dayton Township: Chuck Whitman  
Dayton Township: Terri Luchies  
City of Fremont: Jim Sloan  
City of Fremont: Lon Vredeveld

**Others Present:** Dayton/  
Sheridan Charter Townships: Peter Lance  
City of Fremont: Bryan Gruesbeck  
City of Fremont: Michele Ribant

**Presenters:** Future of Fremont Committee  
Members: Bonnie Erber  
Mick Hannah  
Denise Hudson  
Rhoni Kaastra

## **Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chair Jack Taylor. Mr. Taylor introduced Bryan Gruesbeck, the new Fremont City Manager. Chair Taylor informed the Commission that in their packets were the following documents:

- 2009 Meeting Schedule
- 2009 Committee Roster
- Attendance/Education Roster

He went on to say that if anyone had updates to any of these documents, they should inform Michele Ribant, and she will make the changes. Shirley Hooker announced that Terri Luchies is resigning as a Dayton Township representative on the Commission for personal reasons.

A motion was then made by Peg May, seconded by Don Henry and carried to approve the 2009 Meeting Schedule.

### **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Chair Taylor advised the Commission that according to the Agreement Establishing the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission, at its first meeting of every calendar year, the Commission is to select a chair, vice chair, and treasurer/secretary for one year terms. He said the "Election of Officers" should be added as an agenda item.

A motion was made by Don Potter, seconded by Tom Karnemaat and carried to add "Election of Officers" under "New Business" on the agenda.

A motion was then made by Jim Breinling, seconded by Peg May and carried to approve the January 26, 2009 FCJPC agenda as amended.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Jim Breinling, seconded by Shirley Hooker and carried to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2008 FCJPC meeting.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Peg May reported that the Commission's expenses to date are in keeping within the FCJPC budget. The Commission was informed that they should review the goals in the Comprehensive Plan to determine which tasks it would like to address in the coming year so that the associated expenses can be included in the 2009/2010 budget.

### **Presentation on Proposed Fremont High School**

Rhoni Kaastra presented a power point presentation on why community members should vote "Yes" to the bond vote slated for May 5, 2009 on the proposed new Fremont Public High School. She fielded questions after the presentation. She then passed out a voter survey on the topic and asked each Commissioner to complete the survey. She asked for the Commission's support in the form of a resolution and was informed that the Commission is looking into whether it is appropriate for the Commission to give such an endorsement.

### **Joint Comprehensive and Growth Management Plan Update**

Chair Taylor reported that the Land Information Access Association is still working through the changes to the Joint Comprehensive and Growth Management Plan, and they have questions regarding the maps and goals that they wanted the Commission to address and approve. Mr. Taylor asked for the Commission's permission to have a small group look at those questions and answer them on behalf of the Commission.

A motion was made by Jim Breinling, seconded by Don Potter and carried to authorize Jack Taylor, Michele Ribant and anyone on the FCJPC who notifies the chair that they would like to serve to provide feedback on behalf of the FCJPC to the Land Information Access Association on questions they have about proposed changes to the Joint Comprehensive and Growth Management Plan.

Michele Ribant reported that after the Land Information Access Association provides her with an updated copy of the Fremont Community Joint Comprehensive and Growth Management Plan, she will put it on the City's website and disseminate the notice to the appropriate parties for a 63 day review period.

### **Update on the Joint Zoning Working Group**

Chair Taylor reviewed the meeting notes from the December 15, 2008 meeting and the January 19, 2009 meeting of the Joint Zoning Working Group. He indicated that once the working group has developed commercial district regulations for the proposed joint zoning ordinance, the working group will provide the regulations to the full Commission for review. He invited anyone on the Commission to serve on the working group if he/she so desires.

### **Discussion on Implementation of Goals, Objectives and Strategies**

Chair Taylor asked each commissioner to review the Goals, Objectives and Strategies outlined in the proposed Joint Comprehensive and Growth Management Plan to determine which issues they want to address in the upcoming fiscal year (2009/2010). He asked them to come prepared at the next meeting to discuss.

### **New Business - Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Don Henry, seconded by Jim Breinling and carried to elect the following slate of officers for the FCJPC for a one year term starting in January 2009:

Chair: Jack Taylor

Vice chair: Shirley Hooker

Treasurer/Secretary: Peg May

### **Commissioner's Discussion**

Chair Taylor encouraged the Commission to read the paper in their agenda packets entitled, "Greensburg, Kansas: A Model for Green Living" by Cadet Rachael Breinling. He indicated it is an excellent paper on how Greensburg, Kansas, a small rural town, which was devastated by a tornado, is rebuilding and is on the road to becoming a model of green development.

### **Next Meeting Date**

February 23, 2009

Fremont City Hall

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jim Breinling, seconded by Don Potter and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.