

**Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 14, 2009
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Dayton Township Hall
Council Chambers**

Members Present:	Sheridan Charter Township:	Tom Karnemaat
	Sheridan Charter Township:	Don Potter
	Sheridan Charter Township:	Jeff Wharton
	Sheridan Charter Township:	Jack Taylor (Chair)
	Dayton Township:	Kent Folkema
	Dayton Township:	Shirley Hooker (Vice chair)
	Dayton Township:	Chuck Whitman
	City of Fremont:	Jim Breinling
	City of Fremont:	Don Henry
	City of Fremont:	Peg May (Secretary/Treasurer)
	City of Fremont:	Jim Sloan
	City of Fremont:	Lon Vredeveld

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

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Chair Jack Taylor.

Review and Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Shirley Hooker, seconded by Don Henry and carried to approve the agenda as presented for the December 14, 2009 FCJPC meeting.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Jim Breinling said that the Fremont Public School principal's last name was spelled "Sherwood" in the minutes, and it should be "Sherman".

A motion was made by Peg May, seconded by Chuck Whitman and carried to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2009 FCJPC meeting with the correction as noted.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Update on FCJPC Membership

Shirley Hooker reported that Kent Folkema and Chuck Whitman have been re-appointed as the Dayton Township representatives on the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission. It was reported that Jim Breinling was re-appointed as a City representative on the FCJPC. It was also reported that due to conflicts with Gerber Hospital Board commitments, Don Henry was resigning from the FCJPC. Marcia Eib was appointed to take his place.

Discussion on Agricultural Districts for the FCJPC Zoning Ordinance

Chair Taylor indicated that the Joint Zoning Working Group discussed proposing three types of agricultural districts in the new joint zoning ordinance. One being an Agricultural 1 District that would be similar to Dayton's Agricultural District; another being an Agricultural 2 District that would be similar to Sheridan Charter's that would allow for splits; and lastly an Agricultural 3 District that would allow for some agricultural including animals closer to the City center. Many views were expressed in terms of how and if agricultural land should be strictly zoned. On one side of the issue there was concern about how zoning can impact individual property rights, and on the other side of the issue there was a strong concern that if we don't use zoning to preserve our agricultural land in Fremont, we will lose it forever.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Don Henry, seconded by Tom Karnemaat and carried to direct the FCJPC Zoning Working Group to develop language for the full FCJPC's consideration that would provide for three districts of agricultural zoning.

Kent Folkema recommended that the working group consider Jim Breinling's suggestion that one of the agricultural districts require quarter/quarter zoning and that Dayton Township's 11 point rule be applied.

New Business

There was no new business.

Commissioners' Discussion

There was no commissioners' discussion.

Next FCJPC Meeting

January 25, 2010
Fremont City Hall
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.