

FREMONT AREA JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 22, 2007
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dayton Township Hall

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| Members Present: | Dayton Township: | Shirley Hooker |
| | Dayton Township: | Barbara Popp |
| | Dayton Township: | Chuck Whitman |
| | Dayton Township: | Kent Folkema |
| | Sheridan Township: | Don Potter |
| | Sheridan Township: | Jack Taylor (Chair) |
| | Sheridan Township: | Jeff Wharton |
| | City of Fremont: | Jim Breinling |
| | City of Fremont: | Peg May |
| | City of Fremont: | Don Henry |
| | City of Fremont: | Lon Vredevel |
| Members Absent: | Sheridan Township: | Tom Karnemaat |
| | City of Fremont: | David Crosley |
| Others Present: | City of Fremont: | Michele Ribant |
| | Recording Secretary: | Kathy Vaida |
| Presenters: | Land Info. Access Assoc.: | Heather Seyfarth |

Call to Order & Welcome

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Jack Taylor. Michele Ribant reported that the FCJPC had a successful meeting with the school board. John Kingsnorth is the contact person. Ms. Ribant informed the Commission that the School Board is preparing to have four workgroups to discuss relevant issues that will impact our children's future. She said the commission is invited to have representation on these workgroups. The Commission was asked to read the handout Michele Ribant provided on the subject and then let her know if anyone cared to volunteer on one of the workgroups. She indicated that their first meeting will be in the first week of November.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Jack Taylor indicated that we need to add to the agenda the following matters:

- Change in FCJPC's Fiscal Year
- Vote on acceptance of Grant Awards

A motion was made by Don Henry, seconded by Jim Breinling and carried to approve the October 22, 2007 agenda with the additions.

Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Lon Vredevel, seconded by Don Potter and carried to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting.

GIS Meeting with Newaygo County Government

Michele Ribant reported that there will be a meeting at the Newaygo County offices on November 7, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the GIS needs of the Joint Planning Commission and how possibly the County and the Commission can work together on GIS issues. Michele Ribant will represent Fremont, and Peter Lance will represent Dayton and Sheridan Townships.

Embracing the Concepts of “Smart Growth” and “Sustainability” and the Principles of the “Charter of the New Urbanism”

Michele Ribant will work with Heather Seyfarth to determine how best to incorporate the Charter of New Urbanism into the Comprehensive Plan.

Report of the Treasurer

Michele Ribant reported that the City’s auditors made a recommendation that the FCJPC’s fiscal year be changed to coincide with the City’s fiscal year, which is from July 1 to June 30. It was suggested that the FCJPC finish its current fiscal year ending December 31, create a six month budget, and then officially start a new budget year on July 1, 2008. It was decided that before the Commission took action on the proposed change in fiscal year that the City would consult with the Townships to make sure that their Boards had no problem with the proposed change.

Michele Ribant reported that the Commission needs to amend its budget to include the grant dollars that were awarded to the Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission from the MSU Land Policy Institute in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Smart Growth Education and from the Fremont Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$20,590.00 for elements of the Joint Comprehensive Plan that would enhance the quality of the Plan.

A motion was made by Jeff Wharton, seconded by Jim Breinling and carried to approve an amendment to the FCJPC budget to include \$5,000.00 for Smart Growth education that was provided to the Commission via the City from the MSU Land Policy Institute and to also include \$20,590.00 provided to the Commission via the City from the Fremont Area Community Foundation to upgrade the tasks associated with the creation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

It was noted that the following changes should be made to the FCJPC Quarterly Report Ending September 30, 2007:

- Contributions from Private Source (675.000)– change Year to Date amount to \$25,590
- Total Revenues – change Year to Date amount to \$69,569
- FCJPC Fund (Decrease)/Increase – change Year to Date Amount of Total Expenditures to \$37,588

A motion was made by Shirley Hooker, seconded by Jim Breinling and carried to accept the Report of the Treasurer and the Quarterly Report Ending September 30, 2007 with the changes as outlined above.

Comprehensive Plan Revision

Review Survey Responses

Heather Seyfarth distributed the JPC Survey Response Summary, the General Survey Response Summary and some general information on the survey responses (e.g., average scores on each question on the survey). The surveys did not show any difference in priorities than the public meetings. The Commission’s responses on the surveys were similar to the public surveys.

Determine Plan Goals

- The Proposed Goals, Objectives and Strategies (mailed in the board packets) were the first pass in determining plan goals. Items highlighted were new ideas. This is a combination of the Smart Growth Tenets, the 2001 Goal Plan and public surveys.
- Heather Seyfarth said that only the highlighted areas would be handed out to the public. This would be less confusing and more explanative. The facilitator will have the full copy.
- It was suggested that a map of the two Townships and the City with no boundary lines be available at the public meeting. .

Finalize Public Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the public meeting was handed out. Heather Seyfarth suggested having five breakout groups at the public meeting, and the Commission decided that the breakout groups should be led by the following individuals:

- Jack Taylor
- Heather Seyfarth
- Joe VanderMeulen
- Kent Folkema
- Chuck Whitman

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business to report.

New Business

No new business to report.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present; therefore, there was no public comment.

Next Meeting Dates

- October 29, 2007 at the Fremont Library, 6:30 p.m. (Public Meeting)
- November 26, 2007 at the Dayton Township Hall, 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Breinling, seconded by Don Henry and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.