

**Fremont Community Joint Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 24, 2008**

**5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Dayton Township Hall**

**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: Kent Folkema  
Dayton Township: Shirley Hooker  
Dayton Township: Terri Luchies  
City of Fremont: Jim Sloan  
City of Fremont: Jim Breinling  
City of Fremont: Don Henry  
City of Fremont: Peg May

**Members Absent:** Dayton Township: Chuck Whitman  
City of Fremont: Lon Vredeveld

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

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

**Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

The meeting of the Commission was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Chair Jack Taylor.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Shirley Hooker, seconded by Peg May and carried to approve the agenda as written for the November 24, 2008 FCJPC meeting.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Jim Breinling indicated that his name appeared in the October 27, 2008 FCJPC minutes as being in attendance. He said he was not at that meeting, and the minutes should be revised to reflect this correction.

A motion was made by Tom Karnemaat, seconded by Jim Sloan and carried to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2008 FCJPC meeting with the correction as noted by Mr. Breinling.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

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

Rhoni Kaastra gave an update on the work of the “Future of Fremont” Committee. She outlined two possible sites where a new Fremont High School could be located; one was just south of the Fairgrounds on Stewart and the other one was a combination of the Fairgrounds and Middle School site. She gave the pros and cons of each. She indicated that the “Future of Fremont” Committee would be making their recommendation to the Fremont School Board by mid-December 2008. At the FCJPC meeting, it became known that the “Future of Fremont” Committee had not presented information on the proposed new high school to the Sheridan Charter Township Board. Ms. Kaastra said she would try to coordinate with officials of Sheridan Charter Township to get their input. After providing the “Future of Fremont” representatives with some feedback, it was the consensus of the Commission that they would support either proposed location of the new high school as outlined.

## **Joint Comprehensive Plan Update**

Chair Taylor asked for a report from each jurisdiction in terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan that was provided to the Board/Council members. It was reported that each jurisdiction’s Board/Council voted to disseminate the Joint Comprehensive Plan for a 63 day review period after changes to the Plan from each jurisdiction are incorporated.

It was reported that the City indicated that there was no mention of the south-side and north-side alternate routes in the Plan. Michele Ribant passed out a map showing the current proposed routes and indicated that language should be included that describes the routes.

A motion was made by Peg May, seconded by Don Potter and carried to approve incorporating the proposed alternate south-side and north-side routes into the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

It was also suggested that before a vote is taken on the final plan that the Commission examine the urban growth boundary to make sure that the Commission adequately addressed possible residential housing growth that may take place as a result of Gerber/Nestle expansion.

It was also decided that the Joint Comprehensive Plan should be called the “Fremont Community Joint Comprehensive and Growth Management Plan” and that reference to it being the “Master Plan” be set forth in the introduction of the Plan just to make sure that it is clear that the Plan is the “Master Plan” for our community as required in the state planning enabling act.

It was decided that Jack Taylor would meet with Michele Ribant and review the changes from the Boards/Council and then forward them to the Land Information Access Association, so the Joint Comprehensive Plan can be updated before it is disseminated. Michele Ribant said she would put the revised Plan on the City’s website and then send out the notice to surrounding jurisdictions, utilities companies, etc. for the 63 day review period.

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

Chair Taylor reviewed the meeting notes from the November 17, 2008 FCJPC Zoning Working Group with the Commission. Chair Taylor reported that the working group focused on comparing the commercial uses in Dayton Township's Zoning Ordinance with the commercial uses in the City's West Main District regulations. He indicated at the next working group meeting the group will focus on comparing the commercial uses in Sheridan Charter Township with the City's West Main District regulations. He said that the working group will then focus on the Industrial, Manufactured Home Park and Institutional District regulations.

## **Commissioner's Discussion**

Jim Breinling suggested that City staff look into obtaining a copy of the "Field Guide to Sprawl" to determine if it would be beneficial to the work of the Commission.

Chair Taylor reported that due to her work schedule for her new job, Kathy Vaida can no longer attend the FCJPC meetings; therefore, she is resigning as the recorder. He said her last FCJPC meeting was October 27, 2008.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The next regularly scheduled meeting was slated for Monday, December 8, 2008 at 5:00 at Dayton Township Hall; however, the meeting was cancelled. Michele Ribant indicated she will send out a 2009 meeting schedule by the end of December. The Commission was asked whether they wanted to have the same rotation of meeting places in 2009, and they agreed it should be the same, which is as follows:

Fremont City Hall: January – April, 2009

Sheridan Charter Township: May – August, 2009

Dayton Township: September – December, 2009

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jim Sloan, seconded by Don Henry and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.