

Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting
June 10, 2013

Subject to review and approval

Present: Jesse Moorman, Kim Cheney, Eileen Simpson, Jon Anderson, John Bloch, Alan Goldman, Thomas Nowlan, Tina Ruth, Gwen Hallsmith – staff.

Audio started 5 minutes into the meeting.

Call to order by the Chair:

Comments from the Chair:

Leadership Elections: Alan nominated Kim as Chair, Eileen seconded. Tina nominated Jon, who declined the nomination. The motion was unanimous for Kim as Chair.

Kim nominated Jon as Vice Chair, Alan seconded. The vote was unanimous for Jon as Vice Chair.

Staff has been designated as Secretary in the past. There was no interest from the commission members to act as Secretary.

The Chair's position was taken over by Kim and moved to the center table.

Discuss Growth Center Designation: Eileen had sent out an email that contained a document to help the commission digest the growth center material and a link to help explain the 5 year review process. The growth center application was approved in October of 2009, it's valid for 20 years. It will be reviewed no less frequently than every 5 years – the 5 year review is due in October, 2014. An interim report is due in September, 2013.

A concern is Montpelier's growth center is large, spread out, and not always walkable due to terrain.

Benefits to growth center designations are raised Act 250 threshold limits and TIF financing.

Jon suggested that staff comes back with a new neighborhood designation for Sabin that might be applied to Crestview with about 192 units per acre on the lower 32 acres and another 30 units of housing and a park creation. Gwen will draft something for the commission to review. John made a motion that Jon will work with Gwen and staff on it, Eileen seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Alan will try to draft a proposal for his area.

Future Agenda Items:

Joint meeting with City Council to review legal and procedural requirements pertinent to re-zoning. The meeting is to outline the process and to review the City Council's goals for the re-zoning. It may not be able to be done until September.

Tina would like to see the Ethics Policy, Conflict of Interest be revisited as a future agenda item.

Other business:

Review minutes from January 28, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, April 29, and May 13, 2013

John moved that the official meeting time be moved from 7 pm to 5 pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, Alan seconded. The motion carried.

Future meetings will be June 24, July meetings will be July 22nd and 29th. There will be no meetings in August.

Adjournment: John made a motion to adjourn, Alan seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary