



City of Arkansas City

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 08, 2021 at 5:30 PM – 400 W Central Ave, Arkansas City, KS

Call to Order

Roll Call

PRESENT Chair Andy Paton, Mary Benton, Lloyd Colston, Cody Richardson, Joni Curl
ABSENT Charles Jennings, Paisley Howerton, Ian Kuhn, Karla Gallegos

Staff present at roll call was Principal Planner Josh White, Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson and City Manager Randy Frazer. Building Official Mike Bellis joined the meeting during the Comprehensive Plan Discussion.

Also present at the meeting was City Commissioner Kanyon Gingher, ACRC Director Landon West, WSU Professor Kartikeya Saboo and citizens Sarah & Brandon Jellings, Harrison Taylor and Sandra Davis.

Declaration

At this time, Planning Commission members are asked to make a declaration of any conflict of interest or of any Ex parte or outside communication that might influence their ability to hear all sides on any item on the agenda so they might come to a fair decision.

Benton stated she was friends with the applicants on the vacation request but that wouldn't affect her ability to come to a fair decision.

Public Comments

Persons who wish to address the Planning Commission regarding items not on the agenda. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Any presentation is for information purposes only. No action will be taken.

There were no comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes, **May 11, 2021 meeting.**
Motion made by Benton, Seconded by Colston to approve the minutes as written.
Voting Yea: Chair Paton, Benton Colston, Richardson, Curl

Public Hearings

2. **Hold a public hearing to consider the advisability of vacating Compass Point Drive within Replat of Compass Point Addition.**
Jennings joined the meeting.
Motion made by Richardson, Seconded by Curl to open the public hearing
Voting Yea: Chair Paton, Benton, Jennings, Colston, Richardson, Curl
White made a presentation on the vacation request. He pointed out the original proposal on the replat was that the streets would be private but due to an error on the plat, the streets were left public. This would correct that. The Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval subject an

access and utility easement being reserved. White said staff also recommended approval with the easements being reserved.

Motion made by Jennings, Seconded by Richardson to close the public hearing.

Voting Yea: Chair Paton, Benton, Jennings, Colston, Richardson, Curl

Motion made by Colston, Seconded by Jennings to recommend approval to the City Commission of a vacation request for Compass Point Drive within Replat of Compass Point Addition reserving an access and utility easement over the entire area to be vacated.

Voting Yea: Chair Paton, Benton, Jennings, Colston, Richardson, Curl

Items for Discussion

3. Comprehensive Plan discussion on Parks and Recreation

White introduced Landon West, Director of Arkansas City Recreation Commission to talk about ACRC's plans and goals for the near future. He spoke about the various facilities and the needs that they have. Commissioners and several members of the public asked West several questions and the discussion continued. After the discussion was over, White talked about natural resources including the rivers. White then talked about historic resources and explained the current status of the historic district, as well as a walking tour that the Historic Preservation Board is working on. Some brief discussion about the guidelines and requirements of the historic district also occurred. Paton asked Frazer about the pool study. Frazer said the study would be presented to the City Commission soon after which it would be open for public discussion. White said that could be discussed at the July meeting. Lawson also noted the Walking Tour project should be done by then and can also be discussed at the July meeting. The July meeting occurs during the week of the 150th Celebration so that works out really nicely. Lawson noted that we could look into coming Parks and Recreation together so that parks received funding from the entire school district. That takes a lot of work in the background but it is something staff has considered. Some more research will need to happen before that can progress.

Other Items

No other items were discussed.

Adjournment

Motion made by Jennings, Seconded by Curl.

Voting Yea: Chair Paton, Benton, Jennings, Colston, Richardson, Curl