

Planning & Zoning Minutes
P/Z Room South City Hall
360 Rio Communities Blvd
January 4, 2018

Call to Order

- Chairman Robert Teague called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Roll Call

- Present: Robert Teague, L.E. Rubin and Dennis Kintzler.
- Absent: John Thompson (unexcused) and Lawrence Gordon (unexcused).
- Also present: Councilor Bill Brown, EDC Chairman Jim Winters and Municipal Clerk Lisa Adair

Approval of the Minutes

- L.E. Rubin pointed out corrections that need to be made on the minutes. Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

General Discussion –

- Chairman Teague welcomed everyone back.

Parks & Trails Discussion –

- EDC Chairman Winters distributed copies of the spreadsheet he prepared showing the results of the Parks and Trails Survey. He said nobody filled the survey out the same way and explained how he tabulated the results. He suggested the items on the survey that got very little response could be removed and another survey sent out. He also said some of the things on the survey could be done now.
- Dennis Kintzler said it may be a good idea to send out another mailing to let people know we're looking at the responses.
- Chairman Teague said if we send out another survey, people will start asking for results which we aren't giving them, and they'll soon lose interest.
- L.E. Rubin said there was discussion at a council meeting about money available in this year's budget to find a parks and recreation planner to look at the community and give us some input on a plan.
- Jim Winters said they would use data from our survey to come up with a plan.
- L.E. Rubin asked if we could start discussion with the Belen School District about acquiring a lot adjacent to La Merced school and have a joint venture with them to share recreational facilities at the school.
- Jim Winters said he doesn't think anything has been done about that and the school board is sometimes hard to deal with.
- L.E. Rubin said we have people walking on Hwy 47 from the fire department to Nancy Lopez Rd and back for exercise. He said the DOT doesn't maintain their right-of-way and it's not helpful when people driving down the main street in the city see the weeds and tumbleweeds. He said DOT is in violation of city ordinance, but we don't have jurisdiction over them.
- Chairman Teague said there is money in the budget for sidewalks from the fire department to Nancy Lopez.
- Dennis Kintzler asked if we were going to meet with Council regarding solid waste.

- Chairman Teague said the last time he met with Council, he gave them the information we put together and they're supposed to let us know if they want to meet with us.
- Jim Winters suggested P&Z ask to be on the workshop agenda every six month.
- L.E Rubin asked where we go from here on the parks plan.
- Chairman Teague said now that we have results from the survey, we'll use that information to come up with a plan. He said we will probably hire someone to design a parks and trails system but before we send it to a contractor, we need to determine what land we own and dissect the results of the survey to figure out what a parks and trails system looks like to us.
- L. E. Rubin said a lot of work went into coming up with a parks and trails overlay so we also need to review that.
- Chairman Teague said we need to make sure we review everything before we start throwing money at the project. He said even if we have money set aside to pay a designer, we don't want to have them design something that's not feasible.
- L.E. Rubin said \$20,000 was allocated for parks and trails development and planning for this fiscal year which ends June 30 so we're half way through the fiscal year. He asked if that money will be rolled over into next year's budget.
- Chairman Teague said we had the money last year and it was rolled over to this year's budget.
- Chairman Teague suggested everyone dissect the information we got tonight and continue discussion at the next meeting.

Adjourn -

- Dennis Kintzler moved to adjourn the meeting. L.E. Rubin seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

 Pam Johnson, Deputy Clerk
 (Recorded by Lisa Adair Municipal Clerk)

 Robert Teague, Chair

 John Thompson, Vice Chair

 L.E. Rubin, Secretary

 Dennis Kintzler

 Lawrence Gordon

Date: _____