

Planning & Zoning Minutes
P/Z Room South City Hall
360 Rio Communities Blvd
June 1, 2017

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

- Present: Robert Teague, L.E. Rubin, Dennis Kintzler and John Thompson
- Also present: Councilor Bill Brown and Deputy Clerk Pam Johnson

Approval & signing of minutes –

- John Thompson asked that “Gap Chart” be corrected to “Gantt Chart” in May 18 minutes.
- John Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the May 11 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dennis Kintzler and passed on 4-0 vote.
- L.E. Rubin moved to approve the minutes of the May 18 meeting as corrected. The motion was seconded by Dennis Kintzler and passed on 4-0 vote.

1. General Discussion –

- Robert Teague said the Next Door app created a lot of response for city cleanup and three thirty yard dumpsters were filled.
- Robert Teague said the city needs to require weekly trash pickup.
- L.E. Rubin said an ordinance was passed that prohibits trash accumulation. He said there was also some work done on a solid waste ordinance but the matter is too political especially if we go to a single vendor. He said that would make a difference but we need to change the mindset.

2. Discuss: Parks/Trails – Public Forum –

- John Thompson distributed a paper copy of the power point presentation and said the sequence of the slides needs to be discussed. Each slide was reviewed and some changes and corrections were recommended.
- L.E. Rubin said the time frame for ribbon cutting should be deleted. He said people don’t want to hear that it will take 5-20 years to get a park. He said this community already thinks the city is dragging its feet and they’re frustrated with council – they don’t want to hear we’ll have a park in 20 years.
- Robert Teague said we should emphasize the steps required in the process.
- L.E. Rubin said some parks may take a long time but some won’t. He said we have land that can be cleared and put up tables and have a park and that wouldn’t take five years.
- Robert Teague said we need to know what people want so we know how to plan and getting funding depends on doing our homework in the beginning.
- Robert Teague said he will put review of the finished power point on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Dennis Kintzler said we can set the foundation but it would be good to involve people in the community to work in committees.

3. Discuss/possibly approve mail-out letter and power point presentation for parks/trails –

- John Thompson distributed a copy of the mail-out including the changes discussed and started a review of the document.
- Dennis Kintzler said he hoped to get the public more involved than just the ballot and this may be an excellent time to see if we have people willing to volunteer to work with parks and trails. He suggested adding something about how people can volunteer.

- Robert Teague said he thinks the mail-out covers issues Bob Skerry mentioned. He said we're farther along now but he still needs to communicate with finance.
- L.E. Rubin said he hasn't heard from Chief Gonzales about using the fire department indicia. He said he will get with him by the weekend and, once we have that, we'll be ready to go after we set a date.
- L.E. Rubin said we'll mail ballots to everyone in the city, but we'll be fortunate to get 10% back. He said either people are interested or they aren't.
- Robert Teague said the people that turn in a ballot will want to know how the ballots are tallied.
- Dennis Kintzler said people need to know that everyone in the community gets a vote. He said we have someone interested in a park who has expressed his views and he needs to know that everyone in the community has a vote.
- Councilor Brown said 90% of the re-design phase of Manzano Expressway specifically includes the re-do of Hillandale and takes a wide swath of land. He said the exit from Manzano to Hillandale is well-designed and it's hard to tell how much of the 3.5 acres along Manzano may be encroached. He said it's a \$4,000,000 project and will likely take a couple of years so we shouldn't propose any use of that land until after the work on Manzano is complete. He also mentioned there is a gas line on the property.
- Robert Teague said the arroyo there is deep for a reason because it becomes a lake after heavy rain. He said a lot of thought will have to go into the use of that property.
- Robert Teague said between now and our next meeting L.E. will find out if we can use the fire department's indicia and if they don't want us to use it, the city will have to pay for one.
- L.E. Rubin moved to approve the mailer as submitted subject to a decision on the date and clearing the mailing issue. Dennis Kintzler seconded and the motion passed on 4-0 vote.

ADJOURN -

- L.E. Rubin moved to adjourn. Dennis Kintzler seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. on 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Robert Teague, Chair

John Thompson, Vice Chair

Date: _____

L.E. Rubin, Secretary

Dennis Kintzler