

Planning & Zoning Minutes
P/Z Room South City Hall
360 Rio Communities Blvd
June 15, 2017

Call to Order

- Robert Teague called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Roll Call

- Present: Robert Teague, Dennis Kintzler, L.E. Rubin and John Thompson
- Also present:- City Manager Bob Skerry, Deputy Clerk Pam Johnson and Lawrence Gordon

Approval & signing of minutes -

- L.E Rubin moved to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by John Thompson and passed on 4-0 vote.

1. General Discussion –

- John Thompson said he would like to see that the man who has been working at the corner of Golf Course Road and Hwy 47 gets an official thank you. He said he has been separating dust from rocks and put up barricades just north of Hwy 47 to keep cars from driving there.
- Bob Skerry said we need to be careful because what he is doing is on DOT right of way without permission so we shouldn't say anything. He said DOT may make him remove the barricades and the City doesn't want to get involved in work being done in the DOT right-of-way.
- L.E. Rubin said they put up barricades in front of the fire station to keep people from short cutting and driving over the curbs and DOT asked them to remove them. He said DOT won't allow anything in their right of way.
- Robert Teague confirmed that the reference to a 15 to 20-year park plan has been removed from the mail-out.
- Bob Skerry said that should be removed because Council decides how long to take. He said a reference can be made to short range or long range but not specific numbers.
- Bob Skerry said he got a city bulk mail permit and he will take the mail to the post office.
- Robert Teague said we can get on our computer and start to look at things we need to know for planning and zoning while we wait for a date.
- Bob Skerry suggested looking at other cities that have park plans and started a discussion on property in the city that could be used for parks and what the issues may be.
- Bob Skerry explained that Los Lunas has small pocket parks for parents to take kids and walking paths adjacent to exercise stations. He also said there are bicycle paths and mentioned that there is a path to the top of Los Lunas Hill with shady places to rest along the way. He said the trails and parks are designed for all ages and abilities.
- Robert Teague said he spoke with Logan King at the Mormon Church and he said his crew will clean up all the highways in the city. He said we may be able to count on them for July or August and Mr. King will let us know the date after he talks to his crew. He said he told him we will get in touch with the sheriff to see about patrolling for safety and we will provide the trash bags and pick up them up.

- John Thompson said the Carol Romero house that burned is south on Hwy 304. He said two walls are still standing and the property is a mess. He said the property belongs to another family now and they own more parcels.
- Robert Teague said he wanted to clean up that property but we can't because it's private property.
- John Thompson asked if the city could put pressure on the owner to clean it up.
- Bob Skerry said that property is not in the city limits.
- Robert Teague said if anyone knows of someone else who wants to do community service, please let us know.
- L.E. Rubin said we used drug court kids in the past but if we use them, we need to have someone to supervise.
- Robert Teague said if we coordinate groups with clean up dates, we can volunteer to go out with the kids and supervise.
- L.E. Rubin mentioned that the issue of trucks parking on the roadways came up at the last city council meeting. He said some people are angry about trucks parking on city streets and he thought there was an ordinance against that. He said we need to get trucks off the streets where they block roads and it's dangerous.
- Robert Teague said he was told that DOT won't let us put up signs banning trucks but trucks are creating a safety issue and engines run all the time.
- Bob Skerry said weight limits can be posted but we can't restrict some trucks and not others. He suggested we search other cities and state statutes and see what we can do. He said the state is very specific on a lot of things.
- Robert Teague said he will do the research and bring information to the next meeting. He said the new Loves truck stop will be a good well-lighted place for trucks to park. He said he will put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

2. Discuss: Parks/Trails – Public Forum

- Robert Teague said once the power point presentation is approved he will talk to staff and find out what weekends are available for the public forum so we can decide on a date. He said when we have a date and remove the reference to 15 to 20-year plan, the mailers can be printed.
- Bob Skerry said weekends are usually good but several councilors will be on vacation this summer and some will want to attend.
- John Thompson moved to empower the commission chairman to coordinate with agencies necessary and select a date for the forum at the earliest possible convenience. L.E. Rubin seconded and the motion passed on 4-0 vote.
- Robert Teague said he will coordinate a date with staff and get the date to Council for final approval.
- John Thompson clarified that the chairman will run the forum and everyone else will take notes. He said if something new is mentioned, it will be written on a white board. He also said that after everyone has cast a ballot, we will tally ballots.

3. Discuss/possibly approve Power Point Presentation for Park/Trails –

- John Thompson distributed copies of the revised power point presentation and discussed the changes he made.
- Robert Teague said any reference to the number of years for a park plan should also be removed from the power point. He also said we need to have a map of the city at the forum so we can show people where land for parks is located.

- John Thompson moved to approve the concept of the text and the power point presentation with changes made tonight as guidance for the chairman but leave it open for him to do what he feels is appropriate when he makes the presentation. The motion was seconded by Dennis Kintzler and passed on 4-0 vote.
- John Thompson said he will remove all reference to number of years for park planning in the mail-out and the power point presentation.

ADJOURN

- The agenda for the next meeting was discussed.
- John Thompson moved to approve the agenda for the next meeting as follows: General Discussion, Parks/Trails and Truck Regulations. The motion was seconded by Dennis Kintzler and passed on 4-0 vote.
- John Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. L.E. Rubin seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm on 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Robert Teague, Chair

John Thompson, Vice Chair

Date: _____

L.E. Rubin, Secretary

Dennis Kintzler