

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date—July 19, 2011

Attended—Tom Gooding, Tobin Ott, Dr. Robert Mulch, Greg Holcomb, Rex Brown, and Mark Reitz

Guests In Attendance—Ron Deabenderfer, Mayor John Downs, Jim May, and Commissioner Richard Small

Meeting called to order at 12:30

Peoples Economic Development Corporation by Jim May:

Gooding introduced Jim May to the Planning Commission.

May addressed the commission regarding the recent People Economic Development Corporation presentation that was made recently in Hillsboro. According to May, the corporation only focus on small town downtown areas for revitalization, and can help with establishing TIF districts among other things.

May said that the representatives noted that getting to downtown is a problem for the city.

Commissioner Richard Small stated the corporation recently did a project is Fulton, and they paid eighty five thousand dollars for a “full blown” plan. May also added that the city may do a smaller plan. May said that, if approved, payments can be broken down into four payments. The payments would not have to be paid until “check list items” have been complete.

Commission member Greg Holcomb suggested the commission talk with other cities that this corporation has worked with and obtain their feelings. The commission would also like to look at other “economic corporations” to compare.

Mayor Downs expressed that he would like the Planning Commission to be informed of the downtown revitalization situation, but not take the lead on the project.

A motion was made by Mulch, seconded by Ott to support efforts by the People Economic Development Corporation, or any other group regarding the downtown revitalization project. All in favor.

Financial Sub Committee Update:

Chairman Tom Gooding also gave an update regarding the "Financial Sub Committee". According to Gooding, Geoff Trost has been in contact with the group. However, due to timing, the group will not be able to get together until September.

Golf Cart Ordinances:

Chairman Gooding also address golf carts in the city. Gooding said that Jeff Dunn has volunteered to do some research for the commission. Several city ordinances, and current state law regarding golf carts were made available. The commission agreed to have Jeff Eisentrout and Jeff Dunn due more research.


Upcoming Items:

Chairman Gooding also requested Commissioner Richard Small to look for an intern to help with administration on the future Main Street revitalization project.

Scheduling Of The Next Meeting:

The Planning Committee also set its next meeting for Tuesday, August 16th at 12:30 at City Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15.



Tobin Ott
Planning Commission Secretary