

City of Lake Forest Park - Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Notes: October 21, 2014
17425 Ballinger Way NE—EOC Room

Planning Commissioners present: Chair Ray Holmdahl; Vice-Chair Jon Lebo; Joel Paisner; Semra Riddle; Jean Maixner; and Richard Saunders; Rocky Oliver; Connie Holloway; and Doug Gochanour

Planning Commissioners absent: Jean Maixner

Community Services Commissioners present: Mike Vetersneck; Alan Merry; Diane Hurley; Teagan Wood; Ros Bird

Staff and others present: Steve Bennett, Planning Director; Ande Flower, Assistant Planner; Mark Phillips, Councilman

Call to order: 7:05 PM

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Cmr. Gochanour motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Holloway and approved unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Notes: Meeting notes for September 2 and 19 were reviewed. Minor corrections were suggested. Cmr. Paisner motioned to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Saunders and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan Update: Human Services

Cmr. Ros explained that the edits she presented were intended to better represent the current assets, and to provide a more positive approach, rather than focused on the deficiencies.

Cmr. Ros asked whether the inventory table will need to be updated. Mr. Bennett said that since this element is not required, the CSC could draft the inventory to be in line with their vision. Cmr. Saunders supported the idea of an inventory because having this base point would help future Commissions understand which needs are currently met, and where new possibilities could be a good fit.

Cmr. Saunders stated that the PC is relying on the CSC to update any information or statistics that support their ideas. The challenge is to not let the format get in the way of declaring a vision. Tables and lists would then become supportive elements for that vision. A list of major providers with contact information could be included in this element. Mr. Bennett stated that for any research the CSC would be willing to do, this would greatly assist staff in updating these non-required elements.

It was mentioned that the former, 2005 Comp Plan Human Services Element lacks authority and direction because everything is laid out equally. A resident should be able to pick up the plan and have a good idea for the issues and gaps.

Suggested Actions for this Element:

- Include a reference to early childhood education.
- Active recreation to combat childhood obesity.
- The concept of sustainability could work as an umbrella to capture a number of the concepts within this chapter, and it would also tie into a common theme within the full document.

Councilmember Phillips commented that to delete the word “limited” may be misleading considering that for senior housing and youth activities that the opportunities are somewhat limited. Ms. Wood responded that opportunities for youth may not be abundant, but they are not limited, and there is a possibility for outreach to inform youth about opportunities.

CMR. Merry asked if there is a deadline. Mr. Bennett suggested that January may be a good time to reconvene to discuss this element again. The deadline is to have everything complete for March 2015.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Public Safety

Planning Commissioners encouraged this new focus on safety as a unique section, a third part of community services. Commissioners discussed they had heard during his outreach meetings that there is a desire for sidewalks, or trails, and improved lighting where trees have overgrown their area. CMR. Ros differentiated that there is a difference between traffic safety and community safety. Mr. Bennett described how this new page relates to the land-use ideas for the city.

The CSC was commended for including emergency planning with their revisions. It was suggested that the CERT goal to have one person certified with emergency planning for each block watch, promoted by Chief Sutton, could be incorporated into this element.

Update from Liaisons to Other Commissions

EDC is planned to join our next meeting, on November 4, 2014.

Retail Marijuana Regulatory Policy Update

Mr. Bennett clarified that the regulatory language from the liquor control board does not relate to mixed-use developments, which may have been misrepresented in prior PC meetings. The document distributed include edits which correct the factual mistake. He then asked Commissioners if they would still agree with the current draft memo from the PC, given this new factual correction. There was discussion about how this may translate to land-use, and Commissioners, in consensus, said that this clarification does not change their support of the memo.

New Business:

Reports/Announcements:

Attorney General's Office Open Public Meetings Act Training

Chair Holmdahl reminded Commissioners that the video must be viewed by all Commissioners and afterward,

Relevant City Council Agenda Items and Activities

Mr. Bennett announced that the PC Marijuana Memo would be discussed at the November 13 Council meeting.

Report on Chairs Meeting

Chair Holmdahl reported on what had been presented at the Council for current projects.

Adjournment: 9: 00 PM

APPROVED:



Ray Holmdahl, Chair