

**MINUTES OF
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING,
Thursday, February 5, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m.**

Cedar Rapids City Hall Training Room, 101 First Street SE

Members Present: Scott Overland, Chair
Carletta Knox-Seymour
Virginia Wilts
Samantha Dahlby
Richard Pankey
Dominique Blank
Bill Hunse

Members Absent: Jim Halverson, Vice Chair
Kim King

DSD Staff: Vern Zakostelecky, Planner

CD Staff: Seth Gunnerson, Planner
Jeff Hintz, Planner
Jennifer Pratt, Interim Director
Adam Lindenlaub, Planner
Anne Russett Planner
Betty Sheets, Administrative Assistant

City Council Liaison: Justin Shields

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll call was answered with seven (7) Commissioners present.

Commissioner Overland called for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Overland stated with no additions or corrections, the January 22, 2015 Minutes stand approved.

Commissioner Overland called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. Commissioner Overland stated with no additions or corrections, the agenda stands approved.

A. Action Items

a. None Available

B. New Business

- a. Referral to City Planning Commission for a report and recommendation on the proposed Apache Hose and Belting Company, Inc. Urban Renewal Area. CIP/DID #OB1344382
Kirsty Sanchez

Commissioner Pankey recused himself from this item.

Ms. Sanchez stated that the City had received an Urban Renewal Area request from Apache Hose and Belting Company at its facility northeast of the intersection of Interstate 380 and U.S. Highway 30 in the City of Cedar Rapids. This district is intended to stimulate private investment through planning and providing sufficient land for new and expanding private development and to achieve a well-balanced diversified economy. Ms. Sanchez stated that it is City code that the City Planning Commission reviews all Urban Renewal Plans. Ms. Sanchez showed an aerial map of the property and explained that the Plan conforms with the InvestCR Element of EnvisionCR which aims to “make Cedar Rapids a desirable place for businesses to start, move, and grow by leveraging resources to invest in business districts and amenities that keep and attract a skilled workforce.”

Commissioner Overland called for questions of Ms. Sanchez.

Commissioner Hulse asked if the City was planning on purchasing the property. Ms. Sanchez stated that Apache Hose owns the property and is expanding their business. Apache Hose is asking for City financial assistance with the expansion of their facility. The expansion of the facility and the creation of new jobs qualify for the City’s Economic Development Program.

Commissioner Overland called for a motion. Commissioner Wilts made a motion to approve the proposed Apache Hose and Belting Company, Inc. Urban Renewal Area. Commissioner Blank seconded the motion.

Commissioner Overland called for discussion on the motion. No further discussion.

Commissioner Overland called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously with none opposed.

Commissioner Pankey returned to the podium.

C. EnvisionCR Implementation

“EnvisionCR Implementation”

The remainder of the meeting was a review of the implementation of EnvisionCR as it pertains to decisions that will affect the City Planning Commissioners. Seth Gunnerson get an overview of the newly adopted Plan and Vern Zakostelecky presented two projects that had been approved reflecting the changes to staff reports that the Commissioners would see under EnvisionCR and the new Future Land Use Map.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Sheets, Administrative Assistant
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