

**Planning Commission Work session**

**February 22, 2011**

**Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:**

Mr. Dan Rosensweig

Mr. Michael Osteen

Mr. John Santoski

Ms. Genevieve Keller

Ms. Lisa Green

**Not Present:**

Mr. Jason Pearson (Chairman)

Mr. Kurt Keesecker

**Staff Present:**

Missy Creasy

Richard Harris

Michael Smith

Ms. Keller convened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Ms. Creasy opened with a few announcements. She announced that the date of the joint work session with the county would be March 22, 2012. She also informed the Commissioners that she expects a lot of applications for the position that Nick Rogers held. The position for the planner that will be paid for by the grant has now been advertised as well.

Ms. Keller suggested the Commissioners to look over the packet Ms. Creasy gave them and give any suggestions or comments.

Mr. Tolbert gave an update of the land use and how some neighborhoods should not have been zoned the way they are and that we would be taking a look at that.

Ms. Keller noted that Venable should be looked at due to the addition of 1500 students over 5 years. It was noted that University housing should be looked at holistically.

There was a general discussion about Parks and Receptions role in the Comprehensive Plan. It was concluded that there is an interest in identifying in the plan, how people use their leisure time.

Ms. Creasy handed out examples of Comprehensive Plans from other communities to see what design elements interested commissioners. They touched on how to present the Plan so people looking at the document could understand it and get what they need out of it.

The Commission would like to have the document in a searchable, digital format. They also agreed to move forward with a poster format with appendixes which would reach many audiences. The Council Vision should be used as a basis for the document.

Ms. Keller opened up the forum to the public to speak on Critical Slopes, since they did not have a chance to speak at the joint meeting.

Cheri Lewis commended every one for the work that is being put into Critical Slopes. She would like the commission to stick with the comp plan as the basis for evaluating public benefit.

Brian Gillespie expressed concern about the critical slopes ordinance making development difficult.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.