

**DUNCANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL  
203 E. WHEATLAND ROAD  
JULY 29, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Duncanville Neighborhood Vitality Commission was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to wit:

Jeff Burton	Commissioner	Present
Dr. Michael Miner	Commissioner	Present
Brenda O'Brien	Commissioner	Present
Walter J. Rhim	Commissioner	Present
Ralo Thompson	Commissioner	Present: Arr 7:05PM

The meeting convened in the Briefing Room and called to order at 7:00 PM

A motion and second were made to approve the minutes from the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, failing at 0 for – 5 against:

- Commission members believed the comments made by Councilwoman Leslie Thomas at the end of the meeting contained requests that were tantamount to action-items, and therefore, wished them included in the official minutes
- The Commission Secretary was directed to correct the minutes and present an amended document to the Commission for vote, at the regularly scheduled meeting, on August 26<sup>th</sup>
- The Commission requested that on all future agendas, a final item should always be placed that states, "2-minute Public Comment"

A discussion was had by Commission members regarding agenda item 2.

- Bobby Roddy came in the place of Sir Frederick of the Hollywood Park HOA.
- Code Officer Nicole McKeon came in the place of Code Officer Tom Greco.
- Several items of concern were discussed regarding Hollywood Park:
  1. Trash, weeds, and debris are pervasive in Hollywood Park. Can code enforcement make a stronger effort in this area?
    - People putting their trash out way too early
    - Grass is growing through sidewalks
  2. The flashing light facing northbound Cockrell Hill, advising to not block traffic the intersection with Ave of the Stars, is not working. Can the city fix it?
  3. The masonry wall and/or vegetation along the east side of S. Cockrell Hill, at Ave of the Stars and Gable, will block the line of site to the south traffic coming north bound and is dangerous. Can city engineers evaluate the sight lines?
  4. Parking on the narrow streets creates a problem for motorists to pass, as well as a problem for emergency vehicles.
  5. Consider making Garland Ave one-way to cut down on traffic. People are speeding out of the neighborhood to get to the highway.
- On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, there is a HOA meeting at the Best Western? At 7PM. The Commission is invited.

- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, there is a Neighborhood Cleanup, which meets at Pyburn Park, usually early in the morning. The Commission is invited.

A discussion was had by Commission members regarding agenda item 3. Dr. Miner requested that the secretary take a look at:

- How much do sign toppers cost, either by lot or individually
- What are the Park Board and the ED Corporation doing regarding sign toppers, at this point

A discussion was had by Commission members regarding agenda item 4. The secretary presented two ordinances, one from Mesquite, one from Lancaster, regarding the requirement for owners of residential rental property to register with the city and to obtain a permit of occupancy each time the property is re-leased. The Commission members liked the idea and requested:

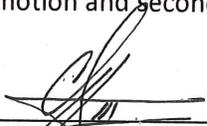
- See what the effectiveness of these ordinances have been for neighbor cities who have them
- See if we have a model ordinance already in our possession (possibly with the Building Official, Greg Contreras)

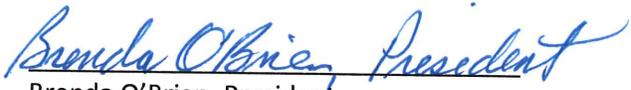
A discussion was had by Commission members regarding agenda item 5. The secretary presented printouts and the "Idea Book" from DIY Garland, to give the Commissioners an idea of, and the scope and magnitude, of this type of project. The Commission liked it and wanted to discuss the DIY Garland concept at future meetings.

A discussion was had by Commission members regarding agenda item 6.

- The Commission requested a special meeting be scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the content of their presentation to Council. Code Officer Nicole McKeon agreed to secretary that meeting, since Charles Smith will be absent.
- The secretary check with the Commission and confirmed the following items for follow-up or placement on the next regular meeting:
  1. Add a public comment, for 2-minutes each, to every agenda
  2. Have the sight-lines on Avenue of the Stars and Gable check by city engineer
  3. Evaluate the cost and efficacy of sign toppers as well as other boards' efforts
  4. Rental property ordinance and other cities experiences with it
  5. Post special meeting to discuss Council presentation August 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
  6. Ask CM Hugman about Commission attending National Night Out, as the Commission, not individual citizens

A motion and second were made to adjourn the meeting, passing 5 for – 0 against, at 9:22 PM.

  
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 Charles Smith, Secretary

  
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 Brenda O'Brien, President