

**DUNCANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL
203 E. WHEATLAND ROAD
AUGUST 26, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Duncanville Neighborhood Vitality Commission was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to wit:

Brenda O'Brien	Commissioner	Present
Jeff Burton	Commissioner	Present
Ralo Thompson	Commissioner	Present: Arr 7:12PM
Dr. Michael Miner	Commissioner	Present
Walter J. Rhim	Commissioner	Present

The meeting convened in the Briefing Room and called to order at 7:03 PM

Regarding agenda item 1, a motion and second were made to approve the revised minutes from the June 24th meeting, passing at 5 for – 0 against

Regarding agenda item 2, a motion and second were made to approve the minutes from the July 29th meeting, passing at 5 for – 0 against

- Commissioner Dr. Miner noted an error in the language of the minutes. The Secretary had incorrectly stated that there was a motion and a second against the minutes, and the motion had failed. A strike-out was made, correcting the language to state that a motion and second was made to approve the minutes, and the motion failed, resulting in the need for amended minutes. This was acceptable to the commission members.

A discussion was held and vote taken for a primary and alternate appointment to the Comprehensive Planning Committee. In both cases, the vote was 5 for – 0 against.

- Primary: Ralo Thompson
- Alternate: Walter Rhim

A request was made of the President to always include the Comprehensive Planning Committee on the Neighborhood Vitality Commission agenda. The request was approved and the secretary so directed.

A discussion was held regarding the DIY Garland process. The commission will continue to formulate a process about what they believe is important to the City and present their findings to the City Council as a recommendation.

- Dr. Miner asked about participation in the Hollywood Park trash pickup efforts and wanted to know how to increase participation. The secretary suggested that maybe the In-and-Out burger mobile trailer would be willing to participate. The president requested the secretary give her the information and she would contact them.

Regarding Staff and Commission reports:

- The commission requested that the secretary continue to work the Public Works on the sight lines from Gable and Avenue of the Stars at South Cockrell Hill

- The commission received information about the cost of sign toppers, discussed who should ultimately be responsible for them, believes sign toppers are a good idea for vitality, and will include a recommendation in their report to council
 - Councilperson Leslie Thomas says that sign toppers have been a discussion item with council in the past, but did not have 'staying power' for various reasons
- The commission requests that the secretary continue to seek out information about the efficacy of other cities' rental property ordinances.
- The commission was given information from the City Manager that he did not believe that it would be a problem for them to attend National Night Out in their commission shirts

Open comments:

- Marcie Hughson, who owns rental property in Duncanville, spoke about the complexities and difficulties in being a rental property owner. She requests that the commission think carefully about its recommendations to council, and the impact their recommendations might have on citizens like her.
- Patricia Ebert also spoke in support of her friend, Marcie Hughson.

Commissioner Jeff Burton requested that he be allowed to return to agenda item #5 and make a report. The president permitted this. Commissioner Burton believes that the Texas Open Meetings Act was violated during the July meeting, when discussions were held on a topic not on the agenda. Furthermore, Commissioner Burton's personal research indicates that the remedy is for the commission to write a letter to the Mayor, declaring the violation. The president directed the secretary to place an item on the September agenda as, "Discuss and take any action necessary regarding Commissioner Jeff Burton's report that the commission violated the Texas Open Meeting Act."

A motion and second were made to adjourn the meeting, passing 5 for – 0 against, at 8:54 PM.



Charles Smith, Secretary



Brenda O'Brien, President