

**DUNCANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL
203 E. WHEATLAND ROAD
MARCH 22, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Duncanville Neighborhood Vitality Commission was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to wit:

Brenda O'Brien	Commissioner	Absent
Jeff Burton	Commissioner	Present
Ralo Thompson	Commissioner	Absent
Dr. Michael Miner	Commissioner	Present
Walter J. Rhim	Commissioner	Present

The meeting convened in the Council Briefing Room and was called to order at 7:06 PM by Commissioner Dr. Michael Miner.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Jeff Burton; seconded by Walter Rhim to approve the minutes from the February 22th Regular Meeting, passing 3-0 in favor.

Reports regarding City of Duncanville Comprehensive Planning Committee:

Commissioner Jeff Burton reported on the Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting, stating Freese and Nichols did a good job at presenting the information. One of the discussions was regarding a future Land Use Plan including identifying several opportunity areas for development and redevelopment. The Thoroughfare Plan was also discussed and included a discussion of the "complete streets"; reducing the number of driving lanes and providing for other mobility modes for pedestrians and bicycling.

Commissioner Dr. Michael Miner stated he doesn't feel safe riding his bicycle downtown because of all the traffic. With the tremendous effort being taken within the community, he wonders how many citizens are actually being involved in the Comprehensive Plan input. City Manager Kevin Hugman mentioned the Comprehensive Plan is meant to be flexible, but still provide guidance for potential land uses, but not focus on zoning solely. Commissioner Walter Rhim feels we need to do more to attract younger citizens. If we keep doing the same thing, we will keep getting the exact same results. The Fieldhouse attracts a lot of younger people with their ongoing events and activities. Commission Miner said he went to Subway when an event was going on, there were at least 10-15 people coming in at all times. The manager of Olive Garden at I-20 told Commissioner Rhim their establishment does more business than any other Olive Garden in their region.

Visitations to other Boards and Commissions:

Discussion took place on the grant awarded to GK Steel from Duncanville Community & Economic Development.

PIP Days Discussion:

Commissioner Miner hopes the committee can make it out to PIP Day on April 28 & 29th. Commissioners Michael Miner and Walter Rhim both agree on the benefits of PIP and are glad to see the churches working together, bringing people together, and how beneficial it is to the community. So far, the PIP project hasn't incurred a lot of costs with volunteer labor, but the opportunity to get donations through a non-profit is beneficial to the program.

Sign toppers and locations were discussed. A discussion on cost sharing took place and the commission feels it would not get 100% participation from the residents. Commissioner Rhim stated it was best for the City to do the project because you cannot rely on the HOA's. Commissioner Jeff Burton suggested a buy in from neighborhoods by getting them involved in the installation. Commissioner Miner suggested maybe taking an area and doing a pilot project to see how it goes; he also stated some neighborhoods would probably want to modify the signs. Commissioner Jeff Burton recommended keeping the signs uniform. Commissioner Miner said if the neighborhood wants more signs, he proposes that the neighborhood must pay for or contribute to in some way. City Manager Kevin Hugman suggested looking into a demonstration area that would create enough visual impact and recommended a discussion with council to get their input and direction. Commissioner Rhim suggested using the demonstration as "Look What's Coming!"

Commissioner Burton asked City Manager Kevin Hugman if the commission could host a Town Hall meeting for the neighborhoods. City Manager Hugman stated that should not be a problem. Commissioner Miner requested commission members think about what topics they could discuss at the town hall meeting; how to revitalize neighborhoods, education on the Comprehensive Plan, sending out notifications with the 4th of July or the BBQ & Blues events. He feels it's important for the Neighborhood Vitality Commission to find a new project to take on and a new goal. Commissioner Rhim said code enforcement helps, but they can't do everything. With more people moving into Duncanville, they aren't aware of what is expected from the City. Maybe teaming up with the Citizen's On Patrol Program to possibly pass out letters to inform the citizens of code violations.

Public Comments:

No one commented.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.



Kevin Hugman, City Manager



Ralo Thompson, Vice President