



MINUTES
Of the
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
OF THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, TEXAS
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.
City Hall, 16100 Wharf Cove, Volente, Texas.

Present

Jeff Browning, Chair
Rett Scudder, Vice Chair
Judy Barrick, Secretary
Phil Mitchell

Also in Attendance

Council Member Connors
Council Member Belote
Council Member Springer

1. Open Regular Meeting.
Jeff Browning, Chair opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m.
2. Call Roll.
City Secretary Julia Vicars calls roll.
3. Citizen Comments.
None.
4. Approval of the Minutes from February 10, 2015.
Commissioner Rett Scudder makes a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Judy Barrick. Carries unanimously.
5. Discussion on the Newly Assigned Tasks from City Council.
 - a. Staff Presentation
Barbara Wilson, City Administrator, details the Time Table created by Council Member Connors. She also introduces the "Introduction to Zoning" research from the City of Austin, the maps and spreadsheet of allowable uses by zoning category.
Council Member Connors overviews the directions from Council to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Connors states that the survey results showed a strong opposition to strict regulations within the Village of Volente.

Council Member Belote says that a Construction Survey, with input from Builders, Architects, Engineers, Property Owners, and Authorized Agents will be sent out and that the results and data could provide information for input on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning and Council Member Connors suggests that the Planning and Zoning Commission, during review of the Zoning information, begin thinking of questions they would like to see posed to the public via survey. Council Member Connors goes over the Time Table with Planning and Zoning, which creates a timeline for reviewing the major Ordinances by both Planning and Zoning and Council simultaneously. He then summarizes the rules and regulations of other agencies we must comply with when considering Zoning and revisions to the ordinances.

Council Member Connors shows the map created of possible zoning districts within the Village of Volente.

Council Member Springer mentions that he would like to see the City purchase the acreage behind the Fire Department to assist with the budget crisis the Fire Department is facing and to give the City land for more parks and City Hall. Discussion ensues amongst the Planning and Zoning Commission about naming different zoning districts. Lago Vista is used as an example. No final decision on the names of zoning districts was made.

Council Member Springer suggests going to the Public first, before deciding what the Commission would like to see as changes to zoning via a steering committee. Council Members Connors and Belote state that a steering committee was not recommended by Council, but that the Planning and Zoning Commission has a right to decide how they will receive public input. They add that stakeholders, interested parties, and the public could make comments during the Citizen Comments or Agenda Items. Council Member Belote suggests in addition to the public hearings at the meetings, the Planning and Zoning Commission conduct targeted surveys.

The Planning and Zoning Commission discusses how to begin a review of the existing land use map of the Village of Volente and suggestions for survey questions to be sent to the Public Relations and Communications Committee.

6. Discussion and Recommendation of the Next Meeting's Agenda.

a. Confirm Date of Meeting

The date of the next meeting is April 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The Commission discusses a possible Special Called Work Session, to be set at a later date if needed.

b. Topics for Agenda

The Zoning Ordinance.

c. Consideration of a Special Called Meeting on March 25th.

7. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Passed and Approved this 14 day of April, 2015.

Signed:

JB
Jeff Browning, Chair of Planning and Zoning

Attest:

JV
Julia Vicars, City Secretary