

WESTLAKE/PRAIRIEVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL #10
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2019

Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Jeff Koteles called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

January 2019 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather

Attendance:

Members: Chairman: Jeff Koteles, Vice Chair Dave Weaver, Secretary Linda Patenaude, Diana Cole, Donna Kowalsk, Karol Hennegar, Donna Jaeger, Tom Rose, and Ollie Griffin

Guests: Commissioner John Griffin, Jim Hadsma- Sate Representative, Nicole Rambo-Carroll Development, William Davenport, and Carolyn Quinn

City staff: Officer Randy O'Connell, and Jason Francisco from code

Chair Notes/Correspondence/Announcements: none

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Add renewal of members to new business

Minutes: Approved November minutes as moved by Dave Weaver and seconded by Tom Rose, unanimously approved

Police Report: Officer O'Connell handed out offense reports for our area. Property offenses were up over the holidays.

Public service announcements from commissioners: Commissioner reported on the budget shortfall because of some changes in reimbursements from the state. The city commission charged departments with lowering their budgets. Police department will not fill retirement vacancies this fiscal year to help with the budget. Transportation was looking at ways to reduce spending by cutting last runs of the day and eliminating transfers. Commission decided against this because it would negatively affect the majority of bus riders.

He also talked about the "Distracted Driving" ordinance that allows police to issue a citation to anyone who is holding their phone in their hands while operating a vehicle including stoplights. There is a grace period for the \$100 fine, until all the signage is posted in the city.

Jeff reminded Commissioner Griffin to invite other commissioners to our meetings. We did receive correspondence from Chris Simmons who represents a small portion of our NPC. We have no members that actually reside in that particular area. He is available if we need anything.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Linda asked for renewal of terms for 4 members whose terms were expiring. Gary Dodd, Jacque King, Zac Ganton, and Donna Jaegar. These names were unanimously supported by the membership.

William Davenport was unanimously voted to become a member of NPC #10 with a motion from Linda Patenaude and support from Dave Weaver.

Beautiful Battle Creek award: none

Lakeview Schools: No report

Woodland Park: Cross country skiing and snow-shoe groups are working together on which trails are best for usage.

City Staff Report: Jason addressed snow removal from sidewalks. He also checked into huge pothole on 24th street. He is following up on school signage for St Joseph school and “school” painted on the road by Prairieview School.

Old Business: none

New Business: Election for chair and vice chair were held keeping Jeff Koteles as chair and David Weaver as vice-chair. Linda Patenaude has stepped down as secretary and no-one volunteered to take her place, Election of officers was made by unanimous acclamation for chair and vice chair. Secretary remains vacant.

Special Presentation: Nicole Rambo of Keystone Lake (Carroll Development) discussed a special use new addition on the corner of Helmer Rd and Gethings Rd. They are proposing to build another unit of 8. These units are more upscale and are in high demand. There is a waiting list for these units. The plans have changed from when we first saw them several months ago and the building is nestled closer to the existing units, leaving an open feel on the corner. Council would like to have developers talk to the actual close neighbors. After that is done Nicole will come back for a letter of support.

Comments for the good of the order:

Adjournment: 8:20pm

Next Meeting: March 25th, 2019



Hello Spring

Submitted by Linda Patenaude, Members who will not be able to attend our meeting can call for an excused absence, please call Dave (269) -968-6202