

CITY OF GRANT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2012

The regular meeting of the Grant City Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at the City of Grant Municipal Offices.

1. *Call to Order:* Harold Portell called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
2. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*
3. *Roll Call*
PRESENT: Debra Wilson, Ann Gelbuda, Terry Fett, and Harold Portell
EXCUSED: *None*
ABSENT: *None*
OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Doug LaFave and Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk
4. *Public Comments:*
None
5. *Consent Agenda:*
 - a. *Approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2011 Planning Commission meeting.*
 - b. *Literature/Correspondence/Advisory Report*
 - c. *Routine Site Plans/Administrative Approval#*
 1. 277 S Maple St (M-37), Industrial/Commercial Zoning, Wilbur-Ellis, Permit# 12-01: Annual Temporary Sign/Banner Permit
 2. 13 W Main St., Commercial Zoning, Dennis Gregory-Shake It Up BBQ, Permit# 12-02: Sign
 3. 17 W Main St., Commercial Zoning, Emiliano Ochoa-Tamazula, Permit# 12-03: Annual Temporary Sign/Banner Permit
 4. 360 S Maple St. (M-37), Commercial Zoning, Brad Vlastuin-Never Enough Auto, Permit# 12-04(a): Annual Temporary Sign/Banner Permit
 5. 125 Brink St., Single Family Residential Zoning, Misty Moomau, Permit# 12-04: Fence
 6. 40 E State Rd., Single Family Residential Zoning, Gary Rosenberg, Permit# 12-05: Accessory Building-Garage (meets 3ft setbacks)
 7. 162 S Maple St. (M-37), Commercial Zoning, Dave Campbell - Moe's Hardware, Permit# 12-06: Fence/Gate
 8. 197 W Pine St., Single Family Residential Zoning, Stan Robinson, Permit# 12-07: Addition-Deck
 9. 360 S Maple St. (M-37), Commercial Zoning, Brad Vlastuin-Never Enough Auto, Permit# 12-07: Sign Permit
Motion: Motion made by Wilson, second by Fett to amend the Consent Agenda, adding item 9., Permit# 12-08. Motion passes unanimously.
Motion: Motion made by Fett, second by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passes unanimously.
6. *Unfinished Business:*
 - a. N/A
7. *New Business:*
 - a. Draft – 2012-2017 Parks and Recreation Plan (Goals-Action Plan): Doug La Fave explained that every five years the City updates the plan and conducts a survey. Then we have to create new, modify existing, or delete old goals for the new plan, which goes through 2017. Then we create an action plan to implement the new Parks and Recreation Plan. Right now we need to evaluate the goals so they can be approved at the next meeting.
Fett said he found the comments from the surveys very interesting.
Wilson commented that the plan was very well written.
Portell stated that he agrees with everything written in the plan, and everything else comes down to a matter of money.
Gelbuda commented that lots of people do not realize we have a lake in the City.
La Fave stated that some of the comments confirm a general lack of information of what resources the City has available.
Wilson commented that the ice skating rink was a nice idea.
Fett explained the history and original intent of having a ice skating facility at the Skate Park.
La Fave asked for any new goals, modifications to existing goals, or deletion of goals the members would like to see, using the existing plan in order by number.
 - 1) *Promote active lifestyles through recreational opportunities that encourage children and adults to stay active.*
Keep goal
 - 2) *Increase visual appeal of current facilities to promote existing recreation opportunities as attractive, safe, and regularly enjoyed by the public.*
Keep goal
 - 3) *Provide valued recreations opportunities that do not require user or service fees from residents for participation.*
Keep goal
 - 4) *Protect and promote our City's water resources.*
Keep goal

- 5) *Provide unique recreational opportunities o keep our youth interested in recreation activities and attract facility users from outside of the Grant area.*
Add goal “Improve ball field for more use.”
- 6) *Develop new, and upgrade current facilities that ensure accessibility to all visitors, regardless of disability.*
Strike goal
- 7) *Ensure that the City of Grant’s funding levels dedicated to its Parks and Recreation opportunities are adequate to accomplish the goals outlined in this Plan.*

Keep goal

Fett stated he would like to see a boardwalk, either around the entire lake or partially around the lake.

La Fave stated that grant funding is difficult to obtain for these types of projects, and that is the biggest hurdle.

Add goal for land acquisition “Open land preservation for nature trails and enhancement.”

Add goal to an amphitheater at Blanche Lake.

Add goal swimming platform and docks enhancements.

Add goal additional park lighting.

Strike goal of soccer fields from the existing plan.

Add goal of an increase in programming to increase use of new and existing facilities.

La Fave commented that perhaps Lionheart Productions might consider utilizing new or upgraded facilities for some programming.

- 8. Other Business:
 - a. N/A

- 9. *Information Items / Updates:*
 - a. N/A

- 10. *Public Comments:*
None

- 11. *Adjournment:*
Motion by Wilson, second by Fett to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm.

Harold Portell, Chairperson

Sherry Powell, City Clerk