

January 17, 2023

**CITY OF ROCKDALE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING**

Present:

P&Z Commissioners:

Doug Williams, Chair
Leslie Davidson
Jerry Waggoner
John Williams
Jason Barcak
Charles Miles
Scott Starnes, Council Liaison

City Staff:

Barbara Holly, AICP, City Manager
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary
Ben Blanchard, Planner
Jim Gibson, MDD Director

Absent:

Joan Ratliff, Vice Chair

Call to order and announce a Quorum is Present

With a quorum present, the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting was called to order by Doug Williams at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at Rockdale City Hall, 505 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas.

Citizen Communications

No comments received.

3A. Revitalizing corridors through Rockdale.

Chair Williams discussed defining a corridor. A corridor is any path that is traveled. To include lighting along sidewalks to provide safety between pedestrians and traffic. Corridors to be designated will include FM 487, FM 908, HWY 79, Belton Avenue, Murray Avenue, Bowser Street, Meadow Drive, and Brazos Avenue. Mr. Gibson gives an update on the Bridge Park design in the East Cameron Corridor plan. The park to include pavilions and walking trails.

3B. Downtown Parking.

Chair Williams discussed downtown parking needs. Parking should be convenient, attractive and safe. Large parking lots belong to churches, One Stop, East Bell Taphouse and MDD parking lot. The board discussed possible alternative parking at place such as the old Ford building.

3C. Downtown lighting.

City Manager Holly discussed the TxDOT engineering mistakes with the lighting. The City will have the engineers install the decorative lighting for downtown. Include a clause in the corridor upgrades to have all future lighting match new decorative lighting.

3D. Electric car charging stations

The Board discussed continuing to look into estimated costs and placement of the electric charging stations.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

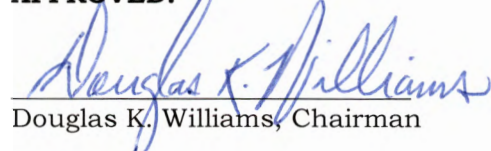
These minutes approved on the 7th day of February 2023.

ATTEST:



Shanna Johnson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Douglas K. Williams, Chairman