

February 7, 2023

CITY OF ROCKDALE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

Present:

P&Z Commissioners:

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

City Staff:

Ben Blanchard, Planner
Shanna Johnson, City Secretary

Absent:

Jerry Waggoner
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, February 7, 2023, at Rockdale City Hall, 505 West Cameron Avenue, Rockdale, Texas.

2. Citizen Communications

No comments made.

3A. Chair Williams to give an update on the City Council meeting.

Chair Williams gave an update on the City Council Workshop. The topics discussed was the Comprehensive Master Plan. Freese and Nichols will create a master plan to include revitalizing the downtown area. Chair Williams gave an update on the MDD Workshop. The workshop was on the East Cameron Corridor plan which will be discussed in Action Item 5A.

4A. Review and approve minutes from the meeting on January 3rd and 17th, 2023.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Miles and a second by Commissioner J. Barcak, the Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

4B. Receive the monthly code enforcement report.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Commissioner J. Williams and a second by Commissioner Miles, the Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to approve the monthly code report. Motion Carried.

4C. Consider and take any necessary action on appointing officers for the Planning and Zoning Board.

MOTION: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Barcak and a second by Commissioner Miles, the Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed to appoint Commissioner J. Williams as Chair Pro Tem. Motion Carried.

5A. Conduct a workshop regarding revitalizing corridors through Rockdale.

The Board discusses sidewalks and lighting along the main roads within Rockdale. Planner Blanchard gave a presentation on the roads designated as corridors including the dimensions and descriptions of the roads. Corridors to include Murray Street, Bowser Street, Meadow Drive, Brazos Avenue, Belton Avenue, MLK Drive, East 3rd Avenue, Calhoun Street, Mill Avenue, Cameron Avenue, North Main Street, Oak Street and Ackerman Avenue.

5B. Conduct a workshop regarding the East Cameron Corridor.

Planner Blanchard gives an update on Director's Gibson presentation. Some of aspects of the current working plan require some changes such as the medians with trees and bike lanes on East Cameron Avenue. Also, creating a green trail to connect the Bridge Park to Wolf Park.

5C. Conduct a workshop regarding the downtown parking.

Planner Blanchard discussed the need for more parking in the downtown area. TxDOT removed 11 parking spots when the new sidewalks were installed. The Kay Theater and Taphouse can partner with the One Stop to share their parking lot. Curah Beard spoke about using the east lots at the Old City Hall for parking. They plan to have a small business area on site.

5D. Conduct a workshop regarding the electric charging stations.

Item moved to next meeting.


5E. Conduct a workshop regarding designating corridors in Rockdale.

Item moved to next meeting.

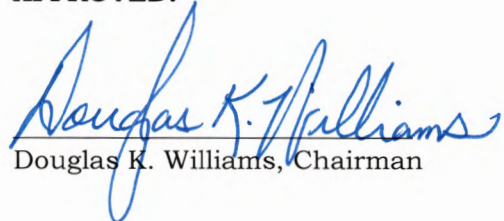
Adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


Shanna Johnson, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Douglas K. Williams, Chairman