

**MONTGOMERY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008**

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Meeting End Time:** 8:35 PM

**Members Present:** Stacy Knight (presiding), Harriette Cummings, Mike Newman, Dave McCorquodale, Gareth Westlake, Lonnie Clover

**Members Absent:** None

**City Officials:** Brant Gary, Kirk Jones, Bryan Fowler

**VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM**

No public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- No minutes presented or approved.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

1. Public hearing and possible action related to a proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance

Many city residents expressed thoughts related to the proposed ordinance. Residents who spoke are listed below with a brief summary of their comments:

- a) Bob Peel, resident and business owner; concerned with the lack of parking requirements in the ordinance given the existing problems with downtown parking. Strongly supports more available parking in the core business district.
- b) Bob Crosby, downtown business owner; Against the ordinance because of added bureaucracy imposed on residents and feels the ordinance is misleading and subject to interpretation. Stated he would like his business excluded from the proposed historic district.
- c) Courtney Crosby, daughter of business owner; Against the ordinance stating that too much modern development has occurred in the city for the ordinance to be viable and that the ordinance is the result of misguided efforts by the city.
- d) Russell Skinner, resident and business owner; Against mandatory inclusion in the historic district and is not in agreement with the provision in the ordinance allowing the district to be expanded in the future.
- e) Sarah Hardin, city resident; Would like to be excluded from the district and feels as though the ordinance is too controlling and individual property owners are losing property rights.
- f) John Butler, proposed historic district property owner; Generally against the ordinance and had questions about the map boundaries and why properties adjacent to his were left out of the district.

- g) Tina Richey, non-resident; Against the current boundaries of historic district.
  - h) Jeff Thayer, city resident; Believes the historic significance of the city is important and vital to its future and is in favor of long range planning for the city.
2. Public hearing and possible action related to a proposed Corridor Enhancement Ordinance. The city attorney gave an overview of the ordinance to those in attendance. Residents who spoke are listed below with a brief summary of their comments:
- a) Russell Skinner, resident and business owner; In favor of ordinance and also expressed a need for additional lighting on Hwy 105 west of FM 149.
  - b) Hillary Dumas, involved with the city through Buffalo Springs development; In favor of both ordinances as a method of protection for the city from adverse development.
  - c) Mike Perroni, historic downtown property owner; In favor of both ordinances though would like the corridor enhancement ordinance to have more control over what types of businesses could be located in specific areas along city corridors.
  - d) Kirk Jones, resident, business owner, and Councilman; Stated that many of the property owners along the NW portion of the Lone Star Parkway are largely in favor of the ordinance based on his conversations with them. Referred the commission to the letter submitted as comments from business and property owner Larry Jacobs.
- Motion by Gareth Westlake, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Newman, to make adjustments to the Corridor Enhancement Ordinance to include the Lone Star Parkway and requested that a map of the areas affected by the ordinance be drafted. Unanimous approval.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.