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CITY OF LA MARQUE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING / REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
May 8, 2018

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque Planning and Zoning Commission held on May 8, 2018, beginning at 4 p.m. at 1109-Bayou Road with the following members present: Deanna Bethea, Greg Cornett, Hugh Cash, Jean Gutierrez and Nancy Vidotto.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Deanna Bethea called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairperson Deanna Bethea - Present
Vice Chairperson Greg Cornett - Present
Commissioner Hugh Cash - Present
Commissioner Jean Gutierrez - Present
Commissioner Augustino Molis – Absent
Alternate Nancy Vidotto - Present

OTHER OFFICIALS/STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Michetich – Council Member
Carol Buttler – City Manager
Kathleen Van Stavern – Code Enforcement
Sussie Sutton – Development Coordinator

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was dispensed by the Planning & Zoning Commission, led by Commissioner Greg Cornett.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2018.
Commission Member Gutierrez requested that the minutes of April 10, 2018, reflect the email read aloud by Mr. Fry from Mr. Ortego to Les Rumburg concerning the Saltgrass general land plan; as it influenced her vote.

Commissioner Cash made a motion to accept the Minutes of April 10, 2018. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Robert Michetich, 24 N. Curlew, invited the Planning & Zoning Commission to the May 14, 2018 Council meeting starting at 6 p.m. There will be a presentation by the Texas City Independent School District for the temporary school campus.

Carol Buttler, City Manager, also invited the Planning & Zoning Commission to the May 14, 2018 Council meeting starting at 6 p.m. There will be a grant application presentation on the Goodman Corporation's plan for Bayou Road and 1st Street and a couple of other projects which they need to be aware of when we will start working on in the next couple of weeks.

(6) PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing convened at 4:07 p.m. to hear the following:

Re-Zone: A request to re-zone from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1 Single Family Residential, Being a tract containing 31.89 acres of land located in the Stephen F. Austin League No. 4, Abstract No. 297, Galveston County, Texas; Said 31.89 acres being a portion of a call 82.01 acre tract of land recorded in the name of Delaney 1765 Realty, L.P. under Galveston County Clerk's File (G.C.C.F.) No. 2006011483; Said 31.89 acres of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows (bearings are referenced to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, South Central Zone, based on GPS observations)

There were no development representatives to address this re-zone request for Trails at Woodhaven Lakes. No one from the public came forward to discuss the re-zone.

Mrs. Buttler noted that this property was initially zoned R-1 Single Family Residential and a re-zone was requested to C-1 Commercial so that an RV resort could be developed. The re-zone was granted but the development never came to fruition.

The Public Meeting closed at 4:09 p.m.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion / possible action regarding a Re-Zone from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1 Single Family Residential, Being a tract containing 31.89 acres of land located in the Stephen F. Austin League No. 4, Abstract No. 297, Galveston County, Texas; Said 31.89 acres being a portion of a call 82.01 acre tract of land recorded in the name of Delaney 1765 Realty, L.P. under Galveston County Clerk's File (G.C.C.F.) No. 2006011483; Said 31.89 acres of land being more particularly described by metes and

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bounds as follows (bearings are referenced to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, South Central Zone, based on GPS observations)

Commissioner Cash motioned to approve the Re-Zone from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1 Single Family Residential, Being a tract containing 31.89 acres of land located in the Stephen F. Austin League No. 4, Abstract No. 297, Galveston County, Texas; Said 31.89 acres being a portion of a call 82.01 acre tract of land recorded in the name of Delaney 1765 Realty, L.P. under Galveston County Clerk's File (G.C.C.F.) No. 2006011483; Said 31.89 acres of land being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows (bearings are referenced to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, South Central Zone, based on GPS observations). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cornett. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the Guidelines for the La Marque Renaissance District as presented by the Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Alex Getty, Director of the Economic Development Corporation, presented the Planning & Zoning Commission with an overview of the guidelines for the La Marque Renaissance District. The information he disseminated was as follows:

- The project started 14 months ago
- This project is part of Texas A&M's Texas Coastal Watershed Program (TCWP) to identify and revitalize the historic area of downtown.
- This project will give developers some guidelines for this area
- This document can be found at Downtown.CityofLaMarque.org
- The District will start at Laurel and 1st St.
- He asked if P&Z had any input or ideas

Collen Merritt, Public Relations Specialist, provided the Commission with a handout of the color chart for the color schematic for the district. Mr. Ortego inquired if the Renaissance District had been created at his point in time. Mr. Getty replied not officially. A discussion ensued concerning color pallets and sign requirements.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding moving the date of the Planning & Zoning monthly meetings.

Mrs. Buttler, City Manager requested this item be tabled for future consideration.

Commissioner Gutierrez motioned to table the meeting date change for Planning & Zoning meetings. Commissioner Cash seconded. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

d. Discussion/possible action regarding Commissioner training with HGAC and the American Planning Association.

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Sussie Sutton informed the commission that she would like to see all the Planning & Zoning commissioners become members of the American Planning Association and perhaps attend a few seminars as a group representing our city.

It was mentioned that several Planning & Zoning Commissioners had attended HGAC development training meetings and a lot of information was received and enjoyed by those that attended. It was mentioned that perhaps we could go to another session of training meetings or invite one of the instructors to come to La Marque to make a presentation on current topics faced by cities.

(7) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Bethea wanted to know if we would schedule the workshop next month. June 12th was discussed to have the workshop and meet in the back conference room.

Mrs. Buttler noted that we will need to have a joint meeting with City Council, Economic Development Corporation and Planning & Zoning Commission for the Neighborhood Empowerment zone. The meeting will have to be sometime in June 2018.

Mrs. Bethea asked if the Planning & Zoning Commission shirts had been ordered. Mrs. Buttler said they have been ordered.

(8) EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

(9) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no requests nor announcements.

(10) ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Greg Cornett

Greg Cornett, Vice Chairperson
Planning & Zoning Commission