

PLAN COMMISSION

January 13, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairperson/Mayor Ross called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Mayor Ross, Vice-Chair Nate Klassy, Keith Ingwell, Chuck Schuringa, Bill Bethke, Ron Spielman, and Alderperson Chuck Koch. Also present were City Attorney Ewald, SWWRPC representative Troy Maggied, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Lindsey, Administrator Rath, Assistant Administrator Shanks, UW Platteville students Andy Szymaszek and Chelsey Heiden, Terry Gray, and Gerald Coplien. Bridget Cooke from the Monroe Times arrived later.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

None

C. BUSINESS

SWWRPC representative Troy Maggied requested that the update on the Comprehensive Plan Project under Item #2 be done first because it gives background information and leads into Item #1 on the bike maps. The commission generally agreed to this.

2. UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROJECT

Troy Maggied gave updates. He said that the survey results are on the city's website. Brief discussion took place. Troy Maggied then introduced Andy and Chelsey from UW Platteville, who worked on the bike maps.

The commission returned to Item #1 on the agenda.

1. PRESENTATION FROM UW-PLATTEVILLE STUDENTS ON BIKE MAPS

A handout was distributed detailing the objectives, design criteria, how the criteria were weighted, and recommendations that influenced their proposals. Two different student groups worked on this project. Andy and Chelsey said that attractions, safety, and feasibility were all taken into consideration as well as recommendations on connecting to existing trails in the area. Questions and discussion took place. It was mentioned that we need to get bike traffic to the downtown area. The students would like to keep working on this project, if the city agrees. No one had any objections.

3. SIGN PERMIT FOR TERRY L. GRAY

Gerald Coplien and Terry Gray were present to explain and answer questions. Gerald Coplien presented a letter of recommendation from the adjacent property owner, Lon Spangler of H & R Block. Questions and discussion took place. City Attorney Ewald stated concerns with the city's policy on setbacks in general. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Lindsey commented that fences are required to be two feet from the property line and perhaps signs should be subject to the same. Questions and discussion continued. A motion was made by Alderperson Koch, with a second from Ron Spielman to approve the sign as presented. Motion carried.

D. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

None

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Schuringa, with a second from Keith Ingwell. Motion carried.

Ellen K. Miller, Deputy Clerk