

Planning Commission
October 8, 2013
5:30 p.m.

The Atlantic Planning Commission met in regular session with Chairwoman Sonntag presiding. Other members present were: Leonard, Masker, Behrens and Angell. Absent: Kelly and Herring. City Council Liaison Shawn Shouse and Zoning Administrator John Lund were also present.

Chairwoman Sonntag called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Leonard moved, Angell seconded, to approve the agenda as posted. Passed.

Leonard moved. Masker seconded to approve the September 10, 2013 minutes. Passed.

Having no New Business before the Commission, Chairwoman Sonntag moved on to Old Business.

Chairwoman Sonntag untabled the discussion concerning multiple families occupying single-family properties. There was lengthy discussion on the issue. Angell emphasized the importance of ingress/egress, traffic congestion and safety as major concerns. There was a general consensus that defining family was not the route the Commission wished to pursue. Councilman Shouse stated that the Council would want to see a sound justification for this Ordinance based of objective measurements to avoid the perception this is being done out of cultural bias. The Commission concurred with Council Shouse. Leonard stated the square footage standard provided by the Commission's Zoning Ordinance Consultant, Mr. Partridge would be the best template to begin with. It was generally agreed that Zoning Administrator Lund would bring back a draft Ordinance that passed tests by the Courts; specifically he would look at Denison, Ames, Fort Dodge and Iowa City.

The Commission next reviewed the updated Zoning Ordinance Articles: Nonconforming Uses, Administration and Enforcement and Schedule of Fees. There was no opposition to the changes recommended by Zoning Administrator Lund.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

Angell moved, Behrens seconded, to adjourn at 6:02 P.M. Passed.

Katrina Sonntag
Chairman

Attest: John Lund
Secretary