

Planning Commission
May 14, 2013
5:30 p.m.

The Atlantic Planning Commission met in regular session with Chairman Sonntag presiding. Other members present were: Herring, Kelly, and Leonard. Absent: Behrens, Larsen, and Masker. Also present was City Councilmember Shouse.

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

Herring moved, Leonard seconded, to approve the revised minutes of the January 29, 2013 Planning Commission meeting. Passed.

Kelly moved, Herring seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2013 Planning Commission meeting. Passed.

Ed Kail presented the revised plans for the Bull Creek bicycle route. He explained that they would like to use Elm Street instead of the alley between Elm and Walnut Streets because of concerns raised by businesses and residents along the alley. Kail stated that they have a concern with traffic at the intersection of Elm and 7th Street and ask that signage be placed there. Kail reported that bike lanes have been painted on 2nd Street already and signs will be added there also.

Kelly moved, Leonard seconded, that Assistant to the City Administrator John Lund draft a letter of recommendation to the City Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends this route and asks that the Council approve and assist in developing the new route. Passed.

Mick Allen, resident of East 19th Street, discussed concerns he has with the corn that has been planted behind his property. The Commission reviewed the Ordinance and stated that agricultural use is permissible in an R-4 zone. Don Sonntag, on behalf of the condo association adjoining this property, stated this is a non-issue. Lund stated he will consult with the attorney on Allen's concern. The Commission discussed the effect changing the use of an R-4 zone will have on other properties in town and if this subdivision is rezoned back to R-2 which does not include agricultural use, will this subdivision be grandfathered in. Kelly stated they rezoned this property for a specific purpose and more research needs to be done.

Sonntag reported that he pulled the plug on the subdivision development because of problems with City administration but asked the Commission to keep this zoned as R-4. He stated he may revisit this development if there is a change in leadership. Lund stated he will need to get clarification from the attorney about rezoning. Kelly asked that they leave the zoning as is. Herring brought up concerns with spot zoning. The Commission agreed to take no action at this time.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Kelly moved, Herring seconded, to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Passed.

Katrina Sonntag
Chairman

Attest: Deirdre Derby
Secretary