

MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
and
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
CITY OF PARKER
May 24, 2018

Chairman Christie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He welcomed the public and introduced the members of the Planning Commission, including those absent.

Present: Commission Members Palmer and Stoneburner and Chairman Christie

Absent: Commission Members Carroll (sick) and DeLonjay (out of town)

Also Present (Staff): City Clerk Rowell, Planner Bradford, Alex Lutterbach, Dewberry Engineering, Alan Steinbeck, 3TP Ventures, and Tim Whaler, 3TP Ventures

Parker residents present at the meeting at this time introduced themselves. Present were:

Ken Jones, Nancy Holmes, John Caister, Andrew Kelly, Lorraine Bruce, Wesley Blewett, Darlene Jenkins, Jimmy Crook, Josephine Nance, Diane Coates, Jeanette Howard, Teresa Fradette, John Haney, John Etheridge, Gary McLain, Anna McLain, Betty Masters, Doug Ayers, Julie Ayers.


Chairman Christie introduced Mr. Steinbeck and Mr. Whaler of 3TP Ventures. Mr. Steinbeck described that the Comprehensive Plan (Plan) is a framework for policies of how the City will grow and develop; an umbrella policy for physical planning issues; that it clarifies the need for processes and policies that comply with Florida Statutes. He noted that the State of Florida requires local government to employ best practices in land management, environmental stewardship, and the provision of public services; the Plan specifies how the City will go about doing these things. He reviewed the various elements of the Plan and noted that the elements were posted on the wall for the public to view. He said that the update of the Plan is mandated by the State to be done every seven years; that the primary purpose is to ensure the Plan is aligned with current state laws and that the land use maps are updated, if needed. He said that tonight's meeting was to informally get input from residents; that there would be a formal public hearing on August 7th before the transmittal of the Plan amendments to the State on August 30th; that the City will have a year to also update the Land Development Regulations; that initial public feedback has been to have more businesses, enforce maintenance of residential properties, do more code enforcement, more activities for seniors, reduce crime and attract more military personnel to live here, and be a more attractive city.

Residents spoke about how Parker looks, that it is run-down and needs cleaning up, that the blight needs to be cleaned up, especially Cheri Lane area, that the City needed better water and sewer infrastructure, that code enforcement efforts need to be increased, that aggressive dogs are a problem, that nothing ever changes in Parker and that's the problem. At this point in the meeting, Mr. Steinbeck encouraged the attendees to write down their answers to the question, "In the future, I would like Parker to..." and any other feedback they wanted to provide.

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The City Clerk ended recording as the meeting went into informal activities of posting ideas on the walls and identifying areas on the maps. This was at 6:16 p.m. Residents and members mingled for idea sharing/feedback and questions and answers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Nancy A. Rowell, City Clerk