

Minutes

Monday, April 27, 2009



Land Use Committee

5:24 p.m.
Carnegie Town Hall
235 W. 10th Street

Members Present: Greg Jamison, Bob Litz and Kermit Staggers

Staff Present: Denise D. Tucker, CMC, Assistant City Clerk

Guests: Robert Kappel, Public Works; Andrew Berg, Public Works; Jason Love, RESPEC; Cory Foreman, RESPEC; Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works; Sam Trebilcock, Planning Department; Chad Hanisch, Howard R. Green Company; Chad Kucker, Confluence; Judy Winter, Sanford Health; Erik Helland, Landscape Garden Centers; Jarrod Smart, Jarrod Smart Construction; Dennis Gilliam, The Empire Mall; Andrew Tople, Shape Sioux Falls; Chad Van Buskirk, Van Buskirk Company; Jessie Schmidt, Sioux Falls Planning Commissioner; Vernon Brown, City Council; De Knudson, City Council; J. Pat Costello, City Council; Jonathan Ellis, *Argus Leader*.

1. Call to Order

A. Committee Chair Greg Jamison called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. A motion was made by Litz and seconded by Staggers to approve the February 23, 2009, minutes. Jamison called for a voice vote. All committee members voted yes.
Motion Passed.

3. Discussion

A. Update on the progress of the Big Sioux River TMDL Study by Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works; and Bob Kappel, Public Works Environmental Manager

- Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works, introduced his staff and Jason Love and Cory Foreman, both with RESPEC, from Rapid City. Cotter said, this was a "fairly complex topic" and they were going to try a new delivery method. He said, they were going to present a 15 minute video, which included comments from all the key stakeholders.
 - The video was shown at this time. Click on link to access video.
http://www.siouxfalls.org/CityLink16/Programs/Feature_Programs/tmdl_project/video
 - To view handout, click on this link:
http://www.siouxfalls.org/PublicWorks/environmental/tmdl_project/presentations/0427_land_use_presentation
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- Love said they are focusing on Phase II of the project, which is monitoring. Phase I consisted of looking at, acquiring and accessing data. He said they tried to answer fundamental questions and to determine the liability that Sioux Falls could be left with. They didn't have enough information so they started the monitoring phase.

Debra A. Owen, City Clerk, arrived to the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

- Foreman said they are doing water-quality samples. They have weekly collections. The focus of the samplings is the City of Sioux Falls (Skunk Creek, Silver Creek, Big Sioux River, and Slip Up Creek).
- Weekly sampling began in March and will end in October.
- Costello wanted to know why this project is being done. Kappel said the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires every state to identify water bodies and what their uses are. And if they meet water quality standards. He said funding was received (from numerous grants) to perform the TMDL Project, which has to be completed by 2011.
- Kappel said this project will be a model for the future. He said the current information is for informative purposes only.
- Knudson asked if the Council will have to vote on anything. Kappel said the presentation was only informative and that they are required to make these presentations.
- Staggers asked if this study included Brandon. Kappel said they go up to Brandon, but a different study is being done for Brandon.
- Staggers inquired about the costs for the project. Kappel said it is \$639,000. They have received a variety of funding from federal and local government. The City gave \$50,000 last year and again this year. Kappel said there have also been in-kind donations.

B. Shape Sioux Falls Land Use and Development Policies by Mike Cooper, Director of Planning and Building Services; Jeff Schmitt, Assistant Director of Planning and Building Services; and Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner

- Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner, gave an overview of Shape Sioux Falls' comprehensive plan. The Land Use and Development polices is the first phase of the plan. Trebilcock stated, the Land Use and Development section consisted of eight policies: Streetscape, Signs, Multi-Modal Access, Open Spaces, Parking, Transitions, Vertical Mixed-Use (Urban Village), and Horizontal Mix-Use (Pedestrian-Oriented Development). Shape Sioux Falls is at the policy level and they are not asking the Council to adopt an ordinance at this time. He said that will occur at a later date.
- Knudson thanked the guests for attending the meeting and asked for their input. Discussion followed.
- Staggers said we have a lot of regulations in Sioux Falls already. He expressed concern with the policy and stated that the City should be moving in the opposite direction.
- Schmitt stated there will be comprehensive revisions to ordinances that will be considered by the Council in the future.
- Litz thanked everyone. He said, a lot of these ideas are nothing new and he has been reading about them for years.

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- Costello said, he is worried about unintended consequences that haven't been foreseen.

4. Open Discussion

There was none.

5. Adjournment at 6:59 p.m.

- A. A motion was made by Litz and seconded by Stagers to adjourn. Jamison called for a voice vote. All committee members present voted yes. **Motion Passed.**

Denise D. Tucker, CMC
Assistant City Clerk