



CITY OF FRANKLIN

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ENGINEERING

MINUTES

FRANKLIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION

April 16, 2024

Members Present

Joe Abban	Member
Suzanne Findley	Member
Norm Gabehart	President
Debbie Gill	Member
Georganna Haltom	Vice President
Jim Martin	Secretary
Mark Richards	Member

Others Present

Lynn Gray	Legal Counsel
Joanna Tennell	Senior Planner II

Members Not Present

John Kempinski	Member
Irene Nalley	Member

Call to Order

City Attorney Lynn Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She announced President John Kempinski's request of staff to resign his position as president of Plan Commission. Due to work responsibilities, Mr. Kempinski is not always able to arrive to the meeting on time or at all and did not feel that was fair to the rest of the members. He will remain a member of the Commission.

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Attorney Gray asked Recording Secretary Julie Spate to conduct roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Officers: President

Joe Abban nominated Norm Gabehart. Mark Richards seconded. Jim Martin made a motion to close nominations. Suzanne Findley seconded. The motion to close nominations passed unanimously, 7-0. The motion to elect Mr. Gabehart as President passed unanimously, 7-0.

Approval of Minutes

March 19, 2024 – Debbie Gill made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Findley seconded. Passed unanimously, 7-0.

Swearing In

Attorney Gray swore en masse all intending to speak during the proceedings.

Report of Officers and Committees: March 21, 2024 – Joanna Tennell reported on one agenda item. It was for the review of the Secondary Plat and Construction Plans for Kingsbridge, Section Two. Kingsbridge is a development currently under construction immediately south of Knollwood and Park Forest in Whiteland. It is on approximately 24.5 acres and is in a PUD (Planned Unit Development). They have submitted and resubmittal review and approval are pending.

Old Business

PC-24-04 (PUD Concept Plan): Innovation Park at Franklin College – Ms. Tennell reported that the Commission continued this project from the March meeting to allow time for further modifications to be made. She also received e-mail correspondence from Attorney Tim Oaks with Ice Miller representing Franklin College indicating that they would like to request a continuance this evening as well.

Attorney Oaks presented their request for a continuance to the May meeting. Since the March meeting, petitioners submitted a revised plan to staff. Staff made comments. Petitioners made changes and resubmitted. Comments were received back from staff and petitioners met with staff last Friday. Additional revisions were made, but petitioners felt they needed more time to review further and make all changes for an informed decision to be made.

Attorney Gray asked if the intent was to have a revised Concept Plan distributed ahead of the May meeting. Attorney Oaks assured that would be the case. Attorney Gray described the order of steps for the overall proceedings of the project.

Mr. Abban made a motion to grant the petitioner's request for a continuance to the May 21st meeting. Mr. Richards seconded. Passed unanimously, 7-0. Mr. Oaks committed that the revised Concept Plan would be distributed by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Ms. Tennell will upload a draft agenda as soon as the petitioner's information is provided in order for the public to access it in the way they are accustomed.

New Business

None.


Other Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Georganna Haltom and seconded by Ms. Findley, passing unanimously 7-0.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of May, 2024.


Norm Gabehart, President


Jim Martin, Secretary