

CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA
PLANNING COMMISSION
April 4, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Lexington Planning Commission was held Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at the Lexington Municipal Building, 406 E. 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Chairman Toby Owens, Cathy Fagot, Jim Hain, Curt Bennett, Jim Macias, Steve Smith, and Rusty Sutton. Member Mark Yung was absent. City Officials present were City Manager Joe Pepplitsch, Assistant City Manager Dennis Burnside, Building Inspector Tom R. Nelson, City Attorney Will Weinhold and Commission Secretary Pamela Berke. Interested citizens present were Diane Adams, Lexington Housing Authority, and Jim Lauby.

NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was given in advance, thereof by publication in the Lexington Clipper-Herald, the designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these Minutes. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all Members of the Planning Commission. The proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. All items presented and discussed on the Agenda were available for public inspection.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Toby Owens. The Chairman informed the public that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Meeting Room at the Lexington Municipal Building, located at 406 E. 7th Street, Lexington, Nebraska.

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING 3-07-07 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 7, 2007, was presented to the Lexington Planning Commission for consideration and approval. Fagot asked that a clarification of the Roberts Cattle Company hearing be made. Moved by Smith, seconded by Bennett, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 7, 2007, as corrected. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Fagot, Hain, Macias, Sutton, Bennett, Smith, Owens. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: SPECIAL USE Owens opened a Public hearing to consider a special use permit application by Lexington Housing Authority to use the Knights of Columbus Hall at 600 North Taft as a storage facility for the Authority. Diane Adams, Executive Director of the Lexington Housing Authority, reported that

the Housing Authority is in the process of purchasing the building and would like to use it as a storage and staging area during remodeling of some of their units. She noted that since the east end of the building was damaged during a fire in recent years, staff from Miller and Associates have inspected the area and have determined that the undamaged portion of the building is structurally sound and could be utilized as a storage area. Ms. Adams noted that the Authority Board is determined to repair the fire damage so that entire building can be utilized at some point. There being no additional public comments, the public hearing was closed. Following discussion, moved by Hain, seconded by Fagot, to recommend approval of special use permit application contingent on the damaged area not being used for human occupancy until repaired. Voting “aye” were Bennett, Macias, Smith, Sutton, Fagot, Hain, Owens. Motion carried.

RV SPACES:

Burnside requested Commission to consider temporarily allowing RV parking in Mobile Home parks to accommodate expected construction crews in the area in the future. He reported that with several construction crews looking for long term parking during construction time, there is a deficit of available spaces. He requested that the City Manager be granted authority to allow temporary use on an as-needed basis. Jim Lauby, Bridge Street Mobile Home Park, noted that he has several pads that would be available for RV parking if needed. Following discussion, moved by Bennett, seconded by Hain, to recommend approval of a draft resolution granting authority to City Manager be forwarded to the City Council. Roll call. Voting “aye” were Sutton Smith, Macias, Fagot, Hain, Bennett, Owens. Motion carried.

MEETING TIME:

The Commission held a discussion regarding moving the meeting time from 7:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Following the discussion, moved by Fagot, seconded by Smith, to move the meeting time to 5:30 pm for future Commission meetings. Roll call. Voting “aye” Hain, Bennett, Macias, Sutton, Smith, Fagot, Owens. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE:

Pepplitsch mentioned that the Planning Commission may want to review Chapter 25 of the City Code at some point in the future. He also mentioned reviewing the process for moving houses within the city.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Lexington Planning Commission, Chairman Owens declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Berke
Planning Commission Secretary