
Office of Neighborhood Services
Advisory Council
January 11, 2005
Minutes

Members Present: Linda Carleton
David Hall
Nancy Estes
Bill Culp
Andrew Penns
Rick Richardson

Members Absent: Paul Gibson
Bob Gomez

Staff Present: Elizabeth Grindstaff, Assistant Director of Planning &
Development Services
Larry Abrigg, Office of Neighborhood Services
Erica Bates, Office of Neighborhood Services
Sandy Bowen, Office of Neighborhood Services

Guests Present: Vicki Anderson, Abilene Christian University

Agenda Item 1: Call the Meeting to Order by the Chair, Rick Richardson

Mr. Richardson convened the meeting at 4:10 p.m. and declared a quorum present. Mr. Richardson read the opening statement for the ONS Advisory Council.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the October 7, 2004, meeting:

Bill Culp moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Nancy Estes seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Agenda Item 3: Update and discussion of the 2004-05 CDBG and HOME Programs (no vote)

Sandy Bowen and Erica Bates answered questions from the October 7, 2004, meeting about the programs and issues involved with the CDBG and HOME grants. They distributed two reports, CDBG and HOME income guidelines, and the FY 2004 program summary that indicates the number of citizens helped and money spent by all the programs. The members were also informed that they might be called upon to help with the 2005 Consolidated Five Year Plan due to HUD this year.

Agenda Item 4: Update and discussion of Code Enforcement (no vote)

Elizabeth Grindstaff reported about the two (2) new positions and the new division in the Planning and Development Services Department that will deal with code enforcement.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion of the Fort Phantom Super Neighborhood Plan (no vote)

Larry Abrigg reported on the progress of the Super Neighborhood Plan that will be written for the Fort Phantom neighborhood. The Fort Phantom Lake Association met once a month for 9 months in 2004 to study and canvas their members about what is needed to improve quality of life and what they want in the plan. Staff is working with the residents on a survey that will also be incorporated in the plan. A major neighborhood clean-up was completed in September 2004. The Association will hold their yearly meeting in January 2005. The neighborhood plan will be complete when a special lake study being done by an engineering firm is finished sometime in 2005.

Agenda Item 6: Discussion concerning Low Income Housing Tax Credits (no vote)

Elizabeth Grindstaff discussed present and past housing projects that have applied for federal tax credits. She reminded the members that the Comprehensive Plan encourages in-fill development and reported that there is one project pending that would be in-fill development.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Approved: _____
Chairman

Date: _____