

The Planning Commission met Monday, April 2nd, 2012 at 5:00 PM at the City Administration Building, 161 N. Section Street in the Council Chambers.

Present: Lee Turner, Chairperson; George Roberds, Vice-Chair; Tim Kant; Dick Charles; Gary Moore; and Debbie Quinn. Jonathan Smith, Planning and Building Director; Emily Boyett, Secretary; and Nancy Milford, Planner
Absent: Jennifer Fidler; Bob Clark; and Jean Wilson

Chairperson Lee Turner called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM and announced the meeting is being recorded. The minutes of the March 5th, 2012 meeting were considered and Dick Charles moved to accept the minutes as written and was 2nd by Debbie Quinn. Motion carried unanimously.

UR 12.06 Request of Southern Light for an 11.52.11 utility review and approval of the proposed underground installation of approximately 339 linear feet of fiber optic cable for Citizen's Bank, Andru Bramblett. The project will run along the north side of Plantation Boulevard to service Citizen's Bank at 905 Plantation Boulevard. Nancy Milford gave the staff report saying the project will consist of directional boring, trenching, and the placement of hand holes. Staff recommendation is to approve conditional upon the following:

- 1) The applicant shall comply with the minimum requirements as stated by the City of Fairhope Building Official, Code Enforcement Officer, Gas Superintendent, Water and Sewer Superintendent and Public Works Director in the staff report.
The floor was opened to public comments and no one was present to speak.

Dick Charles moved to accept the staff recommendation to approve conditional upon the following:

- 1) The applicant shall comply with the minimum requirements as stated by the City of Fairhope Building Official, Code Enforcement Officer, Gas Superintendent, Water and Sewer Superintendent and Public Works Director in the staff report.

Gary Moore 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

UR 12.07 Request of AT&T for an 11.52.11 utility review and approval of the proposed installation of approximately 2090 linear feet of cable along the south side of Johnson Avenue, Jeff Hadley. The project will run along the south side of Johnson Avenue, from Mershon Street to Berglin Street. Nancy Milford gave the staff report saying the project will consist of directional boring and trenching. Ms. Milford stated that Public Works has specific concerns with the preservation of some old brick storm drain structures and the applicant should coordinate with Public Works to protect them. The staff recommendation is to approve conditional upon the following:

- 1) The applicant shall adhere to the general comments related to utility work as stated in the staff report.

The floor was opened to public comments and no one was present to speak. George Roberds moved to accept the staff recommendation to approve conditional upon the following:

- 1) The applicant shall adhere to the general comments related to utility work as stated in the staff report.

Dick Charles 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

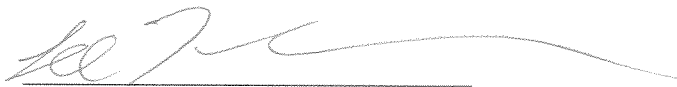
Old/New Business

Downtown Striping Plan – Jonathan Smith – Mr. Smith stated Ken Eslava, Jennifer Fidler, and himself will be visiting different civic groups and giving presentations to help educate the citizens regarding the goals the City is trying to reach and the logic behind the striping and the Complete Streets Policy. He said most of the meetings will be in May, as to give the City time to finish the project and the citizens time to get use to the changes. He explained the symbols on the streets are called sharrows, which mean motorist and bicyclist utilize the same lanes. Mr. Smith said the City will be sending out pamphlets in the utility bills as part of the public information. Mr. Turner suggested some of the parking spaces should be for small cars and Mr. Kant stated that will part of the next phase of modifications. Mr. Kant said these changes are all being done to help slow the traffic down in the downtown area.

Pedestrian and Bike Trails Committee – Jonathan Smith stated the Committee met last week and there were several good ideas generated. Mrs. Quinn said that she still needs a Planning Commissioner on the committee and Lee Turner agreed to be on it.

Northern Greeno Road Corridor Committee – Jonathan Smith said the Committee has met five times and he believes the Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated to address the area and a third party consultant should be engaged to help with this process. Mr. Charles stated he does not want this committee to be dissolved but it is hard to find a general consensus with so many individuals involved. Mr. Charles declared a 6 to 8 month moratorium for this committee to allow for an update to the Comprehensive Plan and to look into an overlay district.

Having no further business, Dick Charles moved to adjourn and was 2nd by George Roberds. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:20 PM.



Lee Turner, Chairperson



Emily Boyett, Secretary