

Cold Spring Planning & Zoning August 10, 2016

The regular meeting of the Cold Spring Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairman Peter Glenn. Pledge to the flag was led by the city clerk. Roll call showed the following present –Peter Glenn, Sam Conner, Mike Foulks, Robin Hahn, Steve Popovich, Ron Schumacher and Mark Stoeber. Also present were City Clerk Rita Seger and City Attorney Brandon Voelker.

Peter Glenn pointed out the exits from the building, per Fire Department regulations.

The July 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Sam Connor made a motion to approve the minutes and Mark Stoeber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Peter Glenn stated there were no subdivision items, public facilities, public hearings, unfinished business, correspondence, or planning and zoning staff items.

Under Commission Items, Chair Glenn stated that Planning & Zoning Member Sam Connor received four and one half educational credit hours and he requested Board approval. Mike Foulks made a motion for approval and Steve Popovich seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Under Commission Items, City Attorney Brandon Voelker stated that the city has engaged Wendy Moeller of Compass Point Planning as our consultant for the comprehensive plan. Wendy Moeller worked in the past for Dale McBride Clarion, a planning firm that the city has worked with in the past and is familiar with. One of the concerns that this Board had was that they preferred to work with the head person, and with someone who is local. Ms. Moeller has her own business now in the Cincinnati area, and works with cities that are unique to Cold Spring in that they are not very big but have a lot of commercial as well as residential areas. Steve Popovich questioned what team made the decision to hire Compass Point and what their criteria was. Brandon Voelker stated the ad hoc comprehensive plan committee consisted of Mayor Penque, Steve Taylor, Lou Gerding, and Brenda Helton. The criteria was mainly trying to find someone who had creativity, who was familiar with this area, and who has worked with cities similar to ours with a large commercial areas that don't have a negative impact on our residents. Brenda Helton who was in the audience agreed and stated that they did interview and look at other firms before making this decision.

Brandon Voelker referred to issues coming up with some county text amendments, especially home occupations, which will be explained in full at the next city council meeting on August 22nd. He referred to the Cold Spring R-RE zone designation and the County R-RE* zone designation and Mark Stoeber requested that at a later date he explain zoning to the Board Members.

At this point Wendy Moeller with Compass Point Planning and the Board members began discussions on the comprehensive plan. Ms. Moeller believes that nine months is a reasonable time table for a full update of the comprehensive plan. The contract still needs to be signed and the scope will be sent to all Planning & Zoning members. Goals and objectives may be temporarily adopted as a stop gap measure, as needed. Chairman Glenn will request the scope input for Planning & Zoning from Steve Taylor.

Mike Foulks made a motion to adjourn the August 10, 2016 Planning and Zoning meeting at 8:45 pm and Steve Popovich seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Seger, City Clerk