

M I N U T E S

OKLAHOMA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

November 10, 2010

1:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Oklahoma County Planning Commission convened and was called to order by Mr. Will K. Jones, Chairman, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 103, Oklahoma County Office Building, 320 Robert S. Kerr, with the following individuals present:

Mr. Will K. Jones, Chairman
Mr. Mike Vorel, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Edgar Frazier, Member
Ms. Cheryl Dorrance, Member
Mr. Joe Blough, Chief Deputy, District #1, (on behalf of Willa Johnson, County Commissioner District #1)

Also in attendance:

Mr. Tyler Gammon, Jr., Planning Secretary
Mr. Stacey Trumbo, P.E., County Engineer
Ms. Gretchen Crawford, Assistant District Attorney
Ms. Ruth Walters, County Planner

Mr. Tyler Gammon, Planning Secretary, called roll and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: (September 9, 2010)

Mr. Vorel motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Ms. Dorrance seconded the motion. Vote taken: Frazier – Aye, Vorel – Aye, Jones – Aye, Dorrance – Aye, Blough - Aye. The minutes from September 9, 2010 were approved.

Annual Election of Officers: (Chair & Vice Chair):

Mr. Vorel nominated Ms. Dorrance as Chairperson for the Oklahoma County Planning Commission. Mr. Blough seconded the nomination. Vote taken: Frazier – Aye, Vorel – Aye, Jones – Aye, Dorrance – Aye, Blough – Aye. Ms. Dorrance was appointed the Chairperson for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

Mr. Jones turned the meeting over to Ms. Dorrance.

Mr. Vorel nominated Mr. Jones as Vice-Chairman for the Oklahoma County Planning Commission. Mr. Frazier seconded the nomination. Vote taken: Frazier – Aye, Vorel – Aye, Jones – Aye, Dorrance – Aye, Blough – Aye. Mr. Jones was nominated Vice-Chairman.

Discussion and possible action to amend the Oklahoma County Zoning Regulations, pursuant to O.S. Title 19 §868.11. The proposed amendment regulates “Garage Sales/Yard Sales” in the unincorporated areas of Oklahoma County.

Ms. Walters stated that those wishing to conduct garage sales in unincorporated Oklahoma County would have to follow the proposed regulations, but no permit would be required. She stated that the proposed new regulations would hopefully curtail month long garage sales.

Mr. Vorel asked if the County could fine citizens that did not remove their signs in a timely fashion.

Ms. Walters stated that the County would issue a notice of violation asking the citizen to cease and desist. If the citizen continued with the violation then the matter would be turned over to the County's legal department.

Mr. Jones asked how this amendment would be disseminated to the public.

Ms. Walters answered that the garage sales would be worked on a complaint only basis.

Mr. Gammon added that the zoning regulations were also available to the public on the County's website.

Ms. Dorrance stated that it would be a good idea to add a heading of "garage sale information" to the Planning Commission's website home page.

Mr. Blough asked what the fines would be for violating the new regulation.

Ms. Crawford stated that Oklahoma County had not set a fine schedule. She added that if a ticket were issued a judge would determine the appropriate fine. She added that the citizen would also be responsible for court costs.

Mr. Blough asked if any of the County's regulations carried a fine.

Ms. Crawford stated that the County has the ability to impose fines but that there is no fee schedule set. She added that there were far too many possible violations to attach a fine to each one. It was up to the judge to determine an appropriate fine that would be imposed for each day that the violation occurred.

Ms. Dorrance inquired about the fee violators would be subjected to by going to court.

Ms. Crawford responded that court costs ran from \$100 to \$200.

Mr. Blough thanked planning staff, on behalf of Commissioner Johnson, for their help with the implementation of the proposed garage sale regulations.

Mr. Jones motioned to amend the Oklahoma County Zoning Regulations to include regulations for garage sales. Mr. Vorel seconded the motion. Vote taken: Frazier – Aye, Vorel – Aye, Jones – Aye, Dorrance – Aye, Blough – Aye. The zoning regulations were amended.

Discussion and possible action to amend the Oklahoma County Zoning Regulations, pursuant to O.S. Title 19 §868.11 and SB 2253. The proposed amendment regulates the operation of "year round" fireworks sales in the unincorporated areas of Oklahoma County.

Ms. Walters stated that anyone wishing to sell fireworks year round would have to apply to the Planning Commission yearly for a special use permit. The yearly application would allow

Oklahoma County to ensure that the applicant was obtaining the required licenses from the State. She added that the manufacture of fireworks was not permitted anywhere in unincorporated Oklahoma County.

Mr. Vorel motioned to amend the Oklahoma County Zoning Regulations to include year long fireworks sales. Mr. Frazier seconded the motion. Vote taken: Frazier – Aye, Vorel – Aye, Jones – Aye, Dorrance – Aye, Blough – Aye. The zoning regulations were amended.

Discussion and Possible action to receive Fee Fund Reports for the months of April thru October 2010.

Mr. Jones motioned to receive the fee fund reports for April 2010 thru October 2010. Mr. Vorel seconded the motion. Vote taken: Frazier – Aye, Vorel – Aye, Jones – Aye, Dorrance – Aye, Blough – Aye. The reports were received.

Other Business:

Mr. Gammon congratulated Ms. Dorrance on her recent retirement from the Oklahoma Municipal League. He also applauded Ms. Dorrance for her re-appointment to the Oklahoma County Planning Commission and presented her with a resolution signed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Adjournment:

Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Vorel seconded the motion. Vote taken: Frazier – Aye, Vorel – Aye, Jones – Aye, Dorrance – Aye, Blough - Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2010

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Cheryl Dorrance, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Tyler Gammon, Jr., Secretary