

**MURRAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009**

The Murray Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 N. 5th Street.

Commissioners Present: Marc Peebles, Tom Kind, Howard Koenen, Nelson Shroat, Ed Pavlick, Mary Anne Medlock, Ed Davis, Amber DuVentre, and Richard Vanover

Commissioners Absent: Loretta Jobs

Also Present: Candace Dowdy, Peyton Mastera, David Roberts, Mike Pitman, Mayor Rushing, Reta Gray, Fire Chief Michael Skinner, Dr. John Tapp, Michael Rogers, Officer Jimmy Osborne, and public audience

Chairman Vanover called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Chairman Vanover asked for approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2009 regular meeting.

Ed Pavlick made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Tom Kind seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

Public hearing to review the Base Study, Community Facilities, and Transportation Elements of the City of Murray Comprehensive Plan: Candace Dowdy began by explaining that Dr. John Tapp, a consultant with Florence and Hutcheson, would be addressing both the Community Facilities and Transportation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for comments and questions from the Planning Commission or anyone else in the audience.

Chairman Vanover opened the public hearing and turned the presentation over to Dr. Tapp.

Dr. Tapp reviewed the Community Facilities Element first. The Community Facilities Element shows proposals for the most desirable, appropriate, economic, and feasible pattern for the general location, character, and the extent of public and semipublic buildings, land, and facilities for specified times as far into the future as is reasonable to foresee. The facilities may include, without being limited to, parks and recreation, schools and other educational or cultural facilities, libraries, churches, hospitals, social welfare and medical facilities, utilities, fire stations, police stations, jails, or other public office or administrative facilities. In essence, this element takes an inventory of all existing public locations and infrastructure and provides insight on future plans to improve upon them. Dr. Tapp broke down the categories of the Community Facilities Element and briefly highlighted future plans for the following:

- Utilities
 - Water Supply
 - Wastewater
 - Stormwater
 - Natural Gas
 - Electricity
 - Telecommunications
 - Solid Waste
- Other Community Facilities
 - Public Safety
 - General Government Facilities
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Libraries
 - Education
 - Hospital and Public Health Facilities

Dr. Tapp then reviewed the Transportation Element. The Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan serves to provide guidelines for maintaining and improving a transportation system to facilitate local and regional travel demands throughout the planning period. The Transportation Element has been closely coordinated with the other updated elements to provide for a viable system wide transportation network which satisfies the need for the safe, efficient movement of goods and people. The Transportation Element also contains recommendations for improving other modes of transportation. Dr. Tapp reviewed all existing and discussed future improvements (or implementation) of roadways, sidewalks, bike paths, public transportation, railways, and the airport.

Chairman Vanover asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak in regard to the proposed elements. Since there was no one wishing to speak the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Dowdy stated that there would be a separate public hearing for the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan during the August Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Tom Kind asked Dr. Tapp to compare similar cities to Murray concerning the parks and recreation facilities. Dr. Tapp used Oak Ridge Tennessee in his comparison. He explained Murray's need for additional parks as well as expansion to the existing parks.

No final action was taken in regards to these two elements. It was decided to hold off on final approval of these elements until the Base Study and Land Use have been presented.

Questions and Comments: Chairman Vanover stated that Mr. Howard Koenen had submitted his resignation as a Planning Commissioner. Mr. Koenen's resignation will be effective July 22, 2009. Mr. Koenen stated that he has enjoyed serving on the Planning Commission for 31 years and he encouraged others to serve. Chairman Vanover thanked Mr. Koenen for his service to the City of Murray.

Adjournment: Nelson Shroat made a motion to adjourn. Ed Pavlick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. *The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.*

Chairman, Richard Vanover

Recording Secretary, Reta Gray