

**MURRAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

The Murray Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 N. 5th Street.

Commissioners Present: Mary Anne Medlock, Tom Kind, Kevin Perry, Ed Davis, Ed Pavlick, Loretta Jobs, Jeremy Boyd, Marc Peebles, Amber DuVentre, and Richard Vanover

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Candace Dowdy and Peyton Mastera

Chairman Vanover called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Chairman Vanover asked if there were any additions, corrections, or deletions to the minutes from the January 18, 2011 regular meeting. There were none; therefore, the minutes were accepted by acclamation.

Update of zoning ordinance revisions: Candace Dowdy informed the commissioners that the Planning Staff is beginning the process of updating the zoning ordinance. Houseal-Lavigne located near Chicago, Illinois has been contracted to assist in the updates. There will be two workshops offered during the evening hours for community input. The first workshop will be held in the Council Chambers on Monday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. All Commissioners, BZA members, and City Council members are invited. People that served on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee are encouraged to attend the next evening. In order to make the revisions effective, input is needed from the members that deal with these ordinances through subdivision, annexation and PDP processes. The second workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 1st and will be opened to the general public including business owners and citizens. Ms. Dowdy added that the updating process could take up to six months.

Discuss of the possible text amendments to the Planning Commission Bylaws as it pertains to the creation of subcommittees: Peyton Mastera stated that the Planning Staff is looking at a new way of preparing the commissioners for items that occur on the agenda. One suggestion is to form subcommittees comprised of two or three commissioners that will meet with Planning Staff when they are meeting with developers or applicants. This could insure that details discussed in the initial meeting are not left out when the material is presented to the commissioners in the staff reports or during the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Mastera stated that they still had some fine details to work out and maybe some possible wording to the bylaws. He added that the idea would also be presented to the attorney for legalities. Ms. Dowdy referred to the City Council having subcommittees and she explained that those members would review issues that come up prior to council meetings and report to the entire body during the council meeting. She added that there would not be an additional meeting every month and that the Planning Staff would consult with the committee to try and set a convenient time for everyone to meet. Chairman Vanover asked the Planning Staff to speak to the attorney for the legalities and asked the commissioners to think about their willingness to serve and they would revisit the issue next month.

Questions and Comments: Commissioner Jeremy Boyd stated that he had received some complaints about the new shrubbery that had been placed at the north east corner of 10th & Sharpe. He stated that there were some visibility issues. Ms. Dowdy stated that she would speak to Ron Allbritten about the concern.

Adjournment: Ed Pavlick made a motion to adjourn. Marc Peebles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. *The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.*

Chairman, Richard Vanover

Recording Secretary, Reta Gray