JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

April 9, 2009

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Reeve Hennion, Commissioner Richard Thierolf, Jr.,

Commissioner Don Greene. Commissioner Tani Wouters.

GUESTS PRESENT:

1 other guest.

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelly Madding, Development Services Director; Josh LeBombard

and Craig Anderson, Planners; Kim Saltonstall, Office Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reeve Hennion at 9:13 a.m. The roll was called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Greene and seconded by Commissioner Wouters to approve the March 26, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous "Aye" vote.

POTENTIAL BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE PLANNING DIVISION:

A. Economy & Housing Element Update:

Josh LeBombard stated that only the Economy Element would be discussed at this meeting today as, consistent with the proposed 2009 Work Program, the Housing Element will be tabled to a later date. He updated the Commissioners on the work done to date on the Economy Element and presented key findings. Craig Anderson stated that these findings are to be used as a starting point for a conversation about potential comprehensive plan goals, policies and implementation strategies. A copy of draft background information produced by EcoNorthwest has been given to the Commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Greene expressed concern about trend projection in estimating economic growth forecasting. Reeve Hennion agreed, but stated that the Commissioners still need to have discussions for implementation of strategy, goals and policies.

The Commissioners and Staff discussed ways to develop the best foundation for Jackson County's Comprehensive Plan.

Josh presented a Memo to the Commissioners with key findings of the Economy Element. A copy of the Memo is attached to the approved Minutes.

The Commissioners agreed that the next step in the process will be to begin holding study sessions in order to 1) strategize on the update process and objectives; 2) gather input from community; 3) develop findings and conclusions based on needs and opportunities; and 4) formulate goals,

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policies, and implementation strategies.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for staff's detailed background work already done on this topic.

B. 2009 Work Program Update:

Kelly Madding stated that a joint session between the Board of Commissioners and the Jackson County Planning Commission was held this morning to discuss this issue.

Staff has worked on a proposed 10 month work plan for 2009. Kelly's recommendation is that, of the Comprehensive Plan Element Updates that are proposed, we concentrate on those that staff has spent the longest time working on. This would be the Economy Element first and follow with Energy and Housing next year.

Commissioner Greene asked about the status of the Whetstone Project, which is slated to be heard at the White City Planning Commission meeting on May 12, 2009. Preparations are being made to propose an ASC Amendment.

Commissioner Greene asked about the Pre-Application Cases listed on the list of Comprehensive Planning Division projects. Kelly stated that staff needs to have more conversation about the status and priority of these cases. She will keep the Commissioners updated.

Commissioner Thierolf asked about the status of Regional Problem Solving (RPS). Kelly stated that a meeting with their attorney will take place this week to discuss how/if to continue the process without the City of Jacksonville's involvement. They are also seeking to obtain a dollar commitment from the cities for possible future litigation concerning the Participants Agreement or the Plan, itself.

Kelly proposed a presentation with RPS updates at the next JCPC meeting in May.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: The BoC had a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss the 2009 Work Program.

BUSINESS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

The Planning Commission thanked Kim Saltonstall for her service during the last year and wished her well in the future.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tani Wouters, Secretary

Kim Saltonstall, Recording Clerk

Approved this 25 day of May, 2008.9

JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Reeve Hennion, Chair

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