



CITY OF
TOPEKA

MINUTES

TOPEKA PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, June 15, 2020

6:00PM – via video conference

Members present: Brian Armstrong (Chair), Corey Dehn, Marc Fried, Wiley Kannarr, Jim Kaup, Ariane Messina, Katrina Ringler, Matt Werner (8)

Members Absent: Corliss Lawson (1)

Staff Present: Bill Fiander, Planning & Development Director; Dan Warner, Comprehensive Planning Manager; Kris Wagers, Administrative Officer

Roll Call – Chairman Brian Armstrong called the meeting to order with seven members present for a quorum. Ms. Messina logged on following the vote regarding approval of the May 2020 minutes.

Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2020

Motion to approve by Mr. Kaup, **second** by Mr. Kannarr. **APPROVED** (7-0-0)

Presentation and discussion on the Downtown Master Plan with a focus on Civic, River to Rail, and River South.

Mr. Fiander introduced the Downtown Master Plan and reminded all that a presentation had been given at the February 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Fiander reviewed the current status of the plan with a focus on the Civic and River to Rail districts. Regarding the Civic District, Mr. Fiander noted the possible relocation of Topeka Metro Transit Authority's (TMTA's) current facilities located by the river. He explained that TMTA is in the process of doing a relocation study and the site listed on the Downtown Master Plan is part of that study.

Mr. Fiander explained that KDOT has announced that the reconstruction project of the Polk-Quincy Viaduct will move forward and stated this will have a positive impact on the Downtown Master Plan.

Mr. Warner reviewed the current status of the River South District plan, which includes the potential for park space under the Polk-Quincy Viaduct.

Mr. Fiander wrapped up the presentation and stood for questions. It was noted that the district/hubs concept is something that has been found to be working well in other inner-cities.

Communications to the Commission

Mr. Fiander stated CU20/01 was approved by Council. The Sports Zone PUD applicants are working with planning staff to revise their plan but it likely won't be ready in time to consider at the July meeting.

There is only one case scheduled for the July Planning Commission and there's a good possibility the meeting will again be held via videoconference.

With no further agenda items, meeting was adjourned at 7:07PM

APPROVED