

MINUTES OF THE
Lone Tree Planning Commission Meeting
January 12, 2016

Lone Tree Civic Center

1. Attendance

In attendance were:

- Dave Kirchner, Chair
- Andrew Dodgen, Vice Chair
- Rhonda Carlson, Planning Commissioner
- Daryl Heskin, Planning Commissioner
- Richard Rodriguez, Planning Commissioner
- Kevin Spencer, Planning Commissioner
- Herb Steele, Planning Commissioner

In attendance from staff were:

- Seth Hoffman, City Manager
- Kelly First, Community Development Director
- Jennifer Drybread, Senior Planner
- Hans Friedel, Planner III

Also in attendance was:

- Jim Gunning, Mayor

2. Opening of Meeting / Roll Call

Commissioner Kirchner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

3. Conflict of Interest Inquiry

There were none stated.

4. Public Comment (For Items NOT appearing on the agenda)

There was no public comment for items not on the agenda.

5. Minutes of the December 8, 2015 Planning Commission meeting

Commissioner Steele moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Carlson seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously, with Commissioner Dodgen abstaining due to his absence at the previous meeting.

6. State of the City Presentation – Mayor Gunning

Mayor Gunning presented an overview of the City including its finances, capital investments, demographic, economic development, transportation, future planning, arts and culture, public safety, and anticipated growth and regional trends.

Commissioner Kirchner inquired whether more babies were born at Sky Ridge hospital than any other birthing center in Colorado. The Mayor responded that he believed so.

Commissioner Steele asked about the potential impact of changing technologies such as autonomous cars, unmanned aerial vehicles, direct money transfers, renewable energy, and e-commerce on the city's future. The Mayor responded that driverless cars will be on the highways, maybe not local streets, within ten years. He stated that we need to plan the east side with the 22nd Century in mind. Commissioner Steele felt that Lone Tree should be on the cutting edge of autonomous automobiles by soliciting companies to make Lone Tree a demonstration site for this technology. The Mayor responded that he had already directed the City Manager to contact companies about partnering with the City – there have been no takers yet. The Mayor expressed concern over the potential privacy impacts of unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) technology. He also stated that banks are doing everything they can to move outside of the bank – currency is becoming virtual and transferred via mobile devices. The Mayor also talked briefly about Panasonic's Sustainable Smart Cities.

The Mayor also stated that it is really important that we attract good jobs to Lone Tree and the area, because this translates to higher sales in the mall and in our retailers. He stated that the mall manager, Pam Kelly, tries to keep the mall interesting to continue its success.

The Mayor responded that the Denver South Economic Development Partnership is working to attract innovative healthcare and technology companies to the region. He suggested that the Planning Commission should keep abreast of changing trends.

The Mayor thanked the Commission for its support.

7. Presentation of Planning Commissioner Notebooks

Ms. Drybread presented training and information notebooks to the Planning Commissioners. They cover the role of the Planning Commission, Commission, Boards and Commissions policies, site improvement plan (SIP) review tips, a copy of the Zoning Ordinance, and other helpful information.

Ms. Drybread then provided the administrative update as there was not time at dinner due to new Planning Commissioner introductions.

8. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice Chair/Secretary, Alternate to Board of Adjustment and Appeals (Community Development Director, Kelly First, will lead the elections)

Ms. First then outlined the different officer positions and outlined the process. She suggested starting with taking a poll on who would be interested. Commissioner Steele nominated Commissioner Kirchner as Chair and Commissioner Dodgen as Vice Chair,

and Commissioner Carlson seconded. Commissioner Kirchner nominated Commissioner Carlson as the Alternate to the Board of Adjustment – and she accepted that nomination. The motion was approved unanimously. The new Planning Commission Officers for 2016 are:

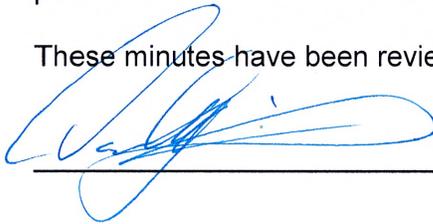
- David Kirchner, Chair
- Andrew Dodgen, Vice Chair
- Rhonda Carlson, Alternate to the Board of Adjustment

A discussion followed regarding Planning Commissioner pictures and bios for the website – they agreed to take a group picture together. They also expressed interest in having a generic Planning Commission City email address as opposed to posting their individual emails.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Kirchner asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dodgen made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Rodriguez seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

These minutes have been reviewed and confirmed by

 (name), on 1/26/2016 (date)