

MINUTES
TOWNSEND MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 13, 2014

Members Present

Sandy Headrick, Chair.
Michael Talley, Mayor
Alicia McClary
Rob Webb

Members Absent

Steve Fillmore, Sec.
Chester Richardson

Others Present

Shelia Moss
Andy Morton
Anne Walters
Charlie Waters
Don Headrick

ETDD Staff Representative: Joe Barrett

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Headrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on March 13, 2014 at the city hall. The minutes from the last regular monthly meeting in February were reviewed by the members. After review, a motion was made by Mayor Talley and seconded by Rob Webb to approve the February 27, 2014 Planning Commission Minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

None.

REVIEW MODEL LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS

Staff provided members with a draft of landscaping regulations for review. Some of the members had reviewed these regulations last month. The commission discussed the application of the regulations for new developments, re-developments/renovations and change of use. There were some comments from the audience regarding the regulations also. The members will review the regulations in further detail for the next meeting. No action taken at this time.

REVIEW MODEL STORMWATER ORDINANCE

Staff had been provided a stormwater ordinance modelled after another municipality. The ordinance is very comprehensive and may not be suitable for Townsend, but can be used as a reference to establish standards that would be effective for Townsend. Members were provided a handout that specified the administrative framework for stormwater regulations with different sections of the regulations discussed in more detail. Staff discussed the regulations with the members and provided a definitions list for review. Certain sections of the model regulations will be taken from the model regulations and compiled for review at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW DISTILLERY & BREWERY OPTIONS

Members were provided copies of the proposed ordinance. The ordinance has been reviewed at past meetings. The members can review the ordinance and make a recommendation at the next regular meeting. Staff was requested to contact the state Alcohol Beverage Commission regarding some clarification on some issues as it applies to local municipalities. Staff will contact the state and clarify any questions that may need to be addressed before a recommendation is made by the planning commission. No action taken at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Pedestrian/Bike Transportation

A presentation will be offered at the Maryville Municipal Building on March 31, 2014. Planning commission members will be credited with one hour of training. Information has been sent out to any interested members. The Maryville-to-Townsend Greenway Master Plan is available online on the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization website. The Great Smoky Mountain Regional Greenway Council had met today and discussed the plan. The council has approved \$1,500 to contract with SRW for consulting services. The services will primarily revolve around taking advantage of funding options that may be available for funding that will not cover the entire greenway.

Local Administrative Items

The Cades Cove Winery is scheduled to open on March 14, 2014.

STATUS REPORTS:

None.

At 7:45 PM, with no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Date