

**Aurora Planning Commission
City of Aurora Council Chambers
21420 Main Street NE
January 4, 2005**

Commissioners Present: Richard Harrison, Heidi Torian, Robert Lebens, Jason Sahlin, Sean Moen, Nick Kaiser, and William Frazier

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Laurie Boyce, City Recorder, John Rankin City Planner, and Bob Southard, Public Works Assistant

Others Present: Fred and Teresa Netter and Jonathan Gibson, Mayor

Call to Order

Chairperson Heidi Torian called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Aurora Planning Commission to order at 7:07 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the consent agenda. Commissioner Moen seconded. At the vote all were in favor and the motion passed.

Visitors

Bob Southard, Public Works Assistant, updated the Planning Commission with regards to the City of Aurora's water supply problem. Southard stated that the water reservoir is on hold for not until the City Council makes a decision. Southard asked the Planning Commission to look at the lack of water supply and give the City any ideas on how to get more water supply to the City. Commissioner Kaiser stated that the City needs to approve any subdivision application. Commissioner Kaiser also stated that the City can put a moratorium of building, but the City can only hold the moratorium for 180 days (six months).

Mayor Gibson stated that the draw downs during the summer are very dramatic. Commissioner Harrison stated that the City needs to look at the water master plan, but Commissioner Kaiser stated that the water master plan is not up to date.

Mayor Gibson stated that Bob Southard is gathering information on past year's water history in order for the City to make a good judgment decision on the lack of water supply. Southard stated that the City has learned to manage the water flow better and to save our wells and pumps. Southard stated that it will probably be a couple of years before the City punches a new well. Southard continued to state that the City will need to look at the water supply every year to keep up with the supply and demand for the water supply.

Southard is looking into putting in a water filter system in the reservoir sometime in the next five years. If this happens, then the City will not have to chlorinate the water.

Mayor Gibson stated that the City Engineer, Ed Sigurdson is working with a hydrologist, and there will be a meeting here on January 12, 2005 to discuss the results of the hydrologist's report. Fred Netter stated that there is money available for the water supply issues. So the City needs to figure out where the money would best be spent. Netter stated that the City needs to have adequate water supply for fire protection.

Bob Southard stated that Georgi Cam will be starting the work on installing the 10 inch high pressure line down Liberty Street on Monday, January 10, 2005. By installing the 10 inch high pressure line will help the water pressure for people who live up on the hill.

Unfinished Business

Gateway Overlay – Development Code – Commissioner Kaiser stated that the Planning Commission needs to review this memo from John Rankin, City Attorney/City Planner, and that the Planning Commission discusses this memo at the next Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Harrison stated that the Planning Commission needs to get John Rankin here for the next Planning Commission so that the Planning Commission can ask any questions that they may have. It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to see the draft again in the packets for the February Planning Commission meeting.

New Business

Appointment of the New Chairperson for the Planning Commission and the appointment for the Vice-Chairperson – Commissioner Harrison made a motion to name Heidi Torian as the Chairperson and Bob Lebens as the Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously. Commissioner Harrison stated that the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson's positions need to be voted on every January. Commissioner Harrison made a motion to close the nominations. Commissioner Kaiser seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Planning Commission to have Laurie Boyce put on the February agenda the list of Planning Commissioners along with the expiration of their terms. It was suggested that the City Recorder take a look at the City Charter and the Planning Commission Ordinance before the next Planning Commission meeting for the process of how the appointment to the Planning Commission works, and how long a person serves on the Planning Commission.

Adjourned

They're being no further business; Chairman Torian moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion. At the vote, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Attested to:

Heidi Torian, Chairperson

Laurie Boyce - City Recorder