

APC MINUTES**MARCH 20, 2018**

Members present: John Reece, Bryn Albertson, Aaron Stephens, Jim Hufford, Paula Keister, Gary Girton, Don Calhoun, Andy Fahl, Amy Alka

Members absent: Adrian Moulton, Missy Williams, Dan Vinson, Bob McCoy

Legal Representation: Jason Welch

Staff Present: Randy Abel, Executive Director, Debra Johnting, Recording Secretary

Others present: Ed Thornburg, Brandon Bart, Brooke Thomas

President Calhoun: It's 7 o'clock and I will call this meeting of the Area Planning Commission to order. First item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from February 27, 2018. It has been moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 27 meeting, all in favor say aye, motion passes. Old business that we need to discuss? New business, discuss corrections and additions to the Comprehensive Plan, based on feedback. Does anyone have any questions.

R. Abel: Were there any changes made to that?

B. Bart: There was a comment last time about where the river originated, so we made that edit. And we also have the updated the member list of planning members. So we updated that as well.

D. Johnting: The change about the river is in the minutes.

J. Hufford: Now, will you be passing out new books with the changes.

B. Bart: Yes, after this we will go to the County Commissioners meeting on April 2, and I spoke to the lady there and she has requested pdf copies instead of hard copies so I will be sending updated pdf copies to her with the changes for the Commissioners.

B. Thomas: And once they've adopted it we'll distribute hard copies to this agency.

President Calhoun: Any other discussion.

J. Welch: If you choose to approve the plan it's going to be a vote for approval. And the municipalities have to adopt it by resolution.

President Calhoun: Is there a motion?

J. Hufford: I make a motion we accept the Comprehensive Plan with the changes.

President Calhoun: It has been moved and seconded to accept the Comprehensive Plan with the changes. Roll call vote.

D. Johnting: Don Calhoun, yes, Gary Girton, yes, Jim Hufford, yes, Bryn Albertson, yes, Amy Alka, yes, Aaron Stephens, yes, Paula Keister, yes, John Reece, yes, Andy Fahl, yes. The Comprehensive Plan is approved.

B. Thomas: Thank you.

B. Bart: Thank you.

President Calhoun: Is there any other new business?

R. Abel: Yes, there is one thing I would like to get a start on, it's another committee. I could just leave it be a secret and everyone just volunteer.... We have had some interest in solar, so we have the need for a solar ordinance. So, we need to get a committee set up so that if—and hopefully ADP will give us an ordinance and say, pick out what you like and don't like. If not, I think we need to start looking at other ordinances in other counties and other states and start picking through the things that we think make sense and don't make sense. We need to start coming up with something that's compatible with Randolph County. So, what I am looking for is people who want to volunteer for another committee.

Volunteers were Bryn Albertson, Gary Girton, Andy Fahl, Don Calhoun, John Reece, Dan Vinson, Randy Abel, Deb Johnting.

R. Abel: What I'll try to do, and I've got a whole folder here full of ordinances that I've gotten off the internet you can search and research too. They are really hard to find in Indiana. I called Henry County and said you've got solar what did you do for an ordinance. They said "If you get one, tell me and we'll copy yours". Then he said oh, wait a minutes, you guys like windmills, maybe we don't want yours---because, they are having trouble with their windmills.

J. Reece: Richmond Power and Light has got a few of them in Wayne County. They put it right beside their generator.

R. Abel: The trouble we're having is finding a county that actually has an ordinance to regulate it. The way our ordinance is if somebody came in now and wanted to build something like that and we do it on square footage, it would be unaffordable. We really need something, we've got to decide like we did with windmills, to regulate everything. I will get you the information before the committee meeting.

D. Johnting: The deadline has passed for the hearing in April, we could have the committee meeting that night? We'll get with you when we decide.

J. Hufford: Are we going to make an ordinance for a bank of solar panels, or for individuals putting it on the roof?

R. Abel: That's what we have to decide. There would be commercial and non-commercial. And non-commercial would be meeting the needs of the homeowner. Or meeting the needs of a business. And I am not sure if the FAA looks at a half acre or more? But the FAA does do a no hazard flight on those as well. I know there are some places that would have a military base around and you would have to

inform them, and if you are in the flight path of the military you'd have to do that as well. The FAA would want to look at all that.

D. Calhoun: Well, if that's all I will entertain a motion for adjournment. Thank you all for coming.

D. Johnting: There is no hearing next month. If the Solar Committee decides to meet on that night I will let you know.

President, Don Calhoun

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