



Planning Board Meeting
Monday April 28, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall, Claremont, NH

Meeting Notes (No Quorum)

Meeting Called to order by Chair Alan Grigsby at 7:02 pm

Roll Call

Present: Richard Wahrlich, Peter Guillette, Paul LaCasse, Alan Grigsby, Andy Austin

City Staff: Eric Giles, City Planner; Allan Britton, Director of Planning & Development; Michelle Aiken, Boards and Commissions Coordinator

Absent: Lori Richardson, Mayor Cutts

Chair Grigsby advised that this is the first time he has been on the board that we do not have a quorum, so there is not going to be a meeting. Chair Grigsby advised that now is the time to volunteer for the boards and commissions. People should contact Michelle Aiken the Boards & Commissions Coordinator at 542-7008 x1402.

I. Minutes of March 24, 2008 and April 14, 2008 Meeting

Deferred to the next meeting

II. Master Plan

Chair Grigsby advised that due to the lack of a quorum they should decide if they should discuss the future chapters of the Master Plan or wait until there are more members. Mr. Guillette felt it would be prudent to wait until we have more members on the board instead of talking about it now and again in the future. Consensus from members present to postpone the master plan discussion until the next meeting.

Mr. Bernie Folta stated that he felt that the perception of censorship of the boards & commissions applications discourages good people from applying. He would suggest a better process of bringing applications forward. There are many vacancies and due to the applications that have been filed and sat on for a while, they should be acted on so that people who participate will feel valued. He would like to see the process cleaned up.

Chair Grigsby advised that there have not been very many applications. Mr. Austin wanted to make it clear that he does not believe there are any games being played with the applications. He feels that we are lucky to have people apply for the boards and he would encourage others to apply.

Mr. AJ Maranville advised he has watched through the process of the Master Plan and he came tonight to add his analysis and he is concerned with the phases that have not been done. He also wanted to mention that he does not like to see that there are names submitted to the boards that haven't been acted on. He is concerned with the zoning that is coming up with the master plan and he is interested in the reasons that some zoning changes have been suggested. He feels that the key factors should be addressed before the master plan is accepted.

Chair Grigsby advised that when the Planning Board is fully staffed there are alternates and when a regular member is not present they can sit in for them. That is why alternates are an important part of this board and there are two past alternates on this board right now.

Mr. Folta advised that he is surprised that Mr. Austin does not know about the games that are being played since he has documented them. Mr. Folta made a public announcement to people watching on CCTV to contact him if they were interested in questionable practices with board appointments.

Chair Grigsby added that his opinion is that the process is a pretty good one and that everyone has their opinion. Chair Grigsby advised that they will have their discussion on the future chapters of the master plan at their next meeting on May 12th.

III. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:16 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Aiken
Boards and Commissions Coordinator