

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES - CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Chambers - 8150 Barbara Avenue

Chair Bartholomew called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Tom Bartholomew
Dennis Wippermann
Pat Simon
Paul Hark
Victoria Elsmore
Harold Gooch
Tony Scales
Mike Schaeffer

Commissioners Absent: Armando Lissarrague (excused)

Others Present: Allan Hunting, City Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 20, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS – CASE NO. 12-08X

Reading of Notice

No public hearing notice was required.

Presentation of Request

Allan Hunting, City Planner, explained the request as detailed in the report. He advised that the City Council approved a resolution ordering the reconstruction of the Asher Water Tower for a cost of \$1.75-\$2 million. Per State Statute, the Planning Commission must review such capital improvements for compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. He advised that the new tower is anticipated to handle the future needs of the Northwest Area. Staff recommends an approval recommendation that the capital improvement is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Bartholomew asked if the estimated cost included demolition of the existing Asher Water Tower.

Mr. Hunting replied he was unsure.

Commissioners Simon and Gooch questioned whether the new tower alone would provide enough water for the entire Northwest Area.

Mr. Hunting replied it was his understanding that no additional water towers are expected to be constructed and that the Arbor Pointe Tower, the South Grove Water Tower, and the newly constructed Asher Water Tower would have the capacity to address all future water needs for the City's urbanized area as well as the Northwest Area.

Opening of Public Hearing

No public testimony.

Planning Commission Recommendation

Motion by Commissioner Elsmore, second by Commissioner Simon, to recommend that the reconstruction of the Asher Water Tower is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried (8/0).

Chair Bartholomew requested that staff forward the demolition costs to him once they were determined.

Mr. Hunting advised he would provide Chair Bartholomew with the requested information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hunting advised that the Planning Commission's annual joint work session with City Council is scheduled for May 14, 2012. Commissioners should contact staff with any issues they would like discussed at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bartholomew adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Fox
Recording Secretary