

FRANKLIN - OAK CREEK
JOINT 27th STREET STEERING COMMITTEE

January 16, 2008
Franklin City Hall

Meeting Minutes
Approved January 31, 2008

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Grintjes called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. Members Grintjes, Myszkowski, Rhiner, and Foeckler present.

II. Citizen Comment Period

No citizen comments.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. November 26, 2007

No action.

B. December 12, 2007

Motion by Member Rhiner to approve. Second by Member Myszkowski. All voted aye. Motion approved.

IV. Business

A. Pre-opening event for Community and Business Leaders at the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare medical center, located at 10101 South 27th Street.

Lori Holly from Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare announced that Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare is planning to host a dignitary reception and an open house for the new medical center in Franklin, dates to be determined.

B. Meetings between City officials from Franklin and Oak Creek, and officials from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, regarding transportation improvements within and near the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area.

1. January 16, 2008

Chairman Grintjes stated there should be a single spokesperson for the Joint 27th Street Steering Committee at the WisDoT meeting on January 16, 2008, regarding improvements to the intersection of South 27th Street and West Rawson Avenue.

Doug Seymour, Director of Community Development for Oak Creek, volunteered to be the spokesperson.

Member Rhiner wants streetscape elements included in the WisDoT plans for reconstruction of the intersection.

2. February 18, 2008

The purpose of the meeting is to update WisDoT staff regarding streetscape plans for the South 27th Street Corridor, and to coordinate the activities of WisDoT project teams with activities of the Cities of Franklin and Oak Creek, for projects in and near the South 27th Street Corridor.

Mark Kaminski of HNTB and Member Rhiner will both be out of town on February 18.

[Member Foeckler excused at 9:40 a.m.]

C. Potential amendments to the Agreement between HNTB and the City of Franklin for Professional Engineering and Architectural Services for the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area Streetscape Design.

Mark Kaminski indicated that all three proposed contracts have been reviewed by HNTB attorneys.

Chairman Grintjes asked Doug Wheaton, Director of City Development for Franklin, to forward the most recent drafts of the proposed contracts to the Franklin City Attorney for review.

1. Facilitate implementation of streetscape elements into Wisconsin Department of Transportation project design for the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area.

Mark Kaminski indicated that implementation of streetscape elements into WisDoT project plans would likely be an 8 – 10 month process.

Doug Seymour indicated that funds have not yet been authorized by the Oak Creek Common Council for the proposed contracts relating to implementation of streetscape elements and creation of a third-party review process.

[Member Myszkowski excused at 10:10 a.m.]

2. Develop a third party development review process.

No action taken.

3. Prepare zoning ordinance(s) for the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area.

Doug Seymour indicated that the Oak Creek Common Council has approved a contract with HNTB for the preparation of a zoning amendment to update zoning regulations for the east side of the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area.

Chairman Grintjes and Member Rhiner both indicated their support for the proposed contract with HNTB to prepare a similar ordinance for streetscape features in Franklin.

D. Stormwater management within the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area.

Doug Wheaton of Franklin introduced Franklin City Engineer Jack Bennett and Assistant City Engineer Ron Romeis.

Doug Wheaton noted that a significant number of parcels along the west side of the South 27th Street Corridor appear to be too small to accommodate buildings of more than one story, therefore it may be appropriate to consider options for stormwater management.

Jack Bennett suggested that a professional consultant could be hired to identify appropriate areas for regional stormwater management, and that both Cities could participate.

Member Foeckler indicated that stormwater management could become a contentious issue.

Jack Bennett noted that stormwater management could be regional on each respective side of South 27th Street.

Chairman Grintjes indicated that the Joint 27th Street Steering Committee should consider the hiring of a stormwater management consultant at a future meeting, and Member Foeckler agreed.

Ron Romeis indicated that it may be possible for Franklin and Oak Creek Engineering Departments to jointly prepare a request for proposals, and Jack Bennett indicated that the Franklin Engineering Department would look into this.

E. Personnel changes at the Zizzo Group relating to marketing and public relations services for the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area.

Member Foeckler expressed concern that Jeff Fleming is no longer employed by the Zizzo Group.

Member Rhiner expressed concern about a possible disconnect due to recent staff changes.

Chairman Grintjes noted that two previous Zizzo staff members had spent many hours learning about the South 27th Street Corridor area, and it will take time for new staff to learn.

Ann Zizzo of the Zizzo Group agreed that the concerns expressed were legitimate, and indicated that Zizzo Group is actively recruiting new staff.

Member Foeckler asked which staff members the Joint 27th Street Steering Committee would now be working with.

Mike Stefaniak of the Zizzo Group indicated that key staff would be Creative Director Michelle Sieg, Account Manager Matt Hensler, and himself. Matt Hensler will continue to be the day-to-day contact.

F. Future land divisions within the South 27th Street Corridor Plan Area.

No action taken.

V. Next meeting date(s) and location(s)

Next Committee meeting on January 31, at 8 a.m., at Oak Creek City Hall.

Subsequent meeting scheduled for February 14, at 8 a.m., at Franklin City Hall.

VI. Adjournment

Following Member Rhiner being excused at 11:00 a.m., meeting adjourned by lack of members present.