

**City of Franklin
Plan Commission Meeting
January 19, 2012
Minutes**

Approved as
Amended
February 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Mayor Taylor called the January 19, 2012 regular Plan Commission meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Commissioners Bennett, Fowler, Haley, Michlig and Ritter. Alderman Skowronski was excused. Also present were Aldermen Solomon and Schmidt, City Attorney Wesolowski, Planning Manager Dietl, and Senior Planner Fuchs.

MINUTES

Regular Meeting January 5, 2012

II.

- A. Commissioner Michlig moved and Commissioner Ritter seconded approval of the January 5, 2012 minutes of the regular meeting of the Plan Commission as presented. All voted 'aye', motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS and BUSINESS ITEMS

III.

City of Franklin (Location, Extension and Determination of Public Necessity of Public Acquisition of Property for the Construction of a Trail on the West Side of South 51st Street From a Point 1,075 Feet North of West Rawson Avenue to West Princeton Drive)

- A. City Engineer Bennett presented the request for determination of necessity for right-of-way acquisition for construction of a proposed trail along South 51st Street from two properties located at 6771 South 51st Street and 6831-6881 South 51st Street.

Property: West side of South 51st Street from a point 1,075 feet north of West Rawson Avenue to West Princeton Drive; 6771 South 51st Street and 6831 and 6881 South 51st Street; Tax Key Nos. 741-9985-000 and 741-9988-001

Commissioner Fowler moved to suspend regular business to allow Alderman Schmidt and Alderman Solomon to speak. Seconded by Commissioner Ritter. All voted 'aye', motion carried.

Zoning: N/A

Commissioner Ritter moved and Commissioner Fowler seconded a motion to return to regular order of business. All voted 'aye', motion carried.

Regarding: 1. (Determination of Necessity for Right of Way Acquisition for a Proposed Trail) A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF THE PUBLIC ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY PLAT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAIL ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH 51ST STREET FROM A POINT 1,075 FEET NORTH OF WEST RAWSON AVENUE TO WEST PRINCETON DRIVE

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve the trail construction extension and location for the construction of a trail on the west side of South 51st Street from a point 1,075 feet north of West Rawson Avenue to West Princeton Drive, pursuant to the right-of-way plat presented to the Commission on January 19, 2012 and to recommend approval of a resolution determining the necessity of the public acquisition of the property within the right-of-way plat for the construction of a trail on the west side of South 51st Street from a point 1,075 feet north of West Rawson Avenue to West Princeton Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Ritter. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

South 27th Street Corridor: Wisconsin Department of Transportation U.S. 241 Reconstruction Project and the South 27th Street Corridor Streetscape Plan

- B. Mayor Taylor and City Attorney Wesolowski presented an update regarding the South 27th Street Corridor: Wisconsin Department of Transportation U.S. 241 Reconstruction project and required changes to the South 27th Street Corridor Streetscape Plan. No action was needed, none taken.

Staff Report on the Crossroads Trade Area Plan Provisions and Development Potential

- C. Planning Manager Dietl presented a staff report regarding the Crossroads Trade Area Plan and provisions and development potential for the area. Concerns regarding the apparent flexibility of building size within the Crossroads Trade Area Plan and the City’s ordinance governing building square footage caps were presented.

Plan Commissioners agreed that the Crossroads Trade Area Plan was a guideline and flexibility was needed for development potential within this area, and indicated that staff pursue informal discussion with Aldermen and Common Council for direction regarding building caps within this area.

Commissioner Bennett moved to direct staff to incorporate into the minutes the Plan Commissioner’s comments following the Planning Manager’s statement to that effect and as a guide which will include Mr. Ritter’s recommendation that the plan is definitely a guide and that staff keep an open mind and work with potential new development because there are issues with the plan as discussed at the Plan Commission and that there are different and better forms of development which may not be addressed in this plan.

Seconded by Commissioner Ritter. All voted ‘aye’, motion carried.

Status Report on the Mayoral Ad Hoc Development Process Review Committee

**City of Franklin
(Comprehensive Master Plan)**

Property: N/A

Zoning: N/A

Regarding: 1. Status report on the implementation of the City of Franklin 2025 Comprehensive Master Plan

- D. No action was needed on the Mayoral Ad Hoc Development Process Review Committee Status Report.

- E. Mayor Taylor stated that the Common Council had reaffirmed the Mission Statement to achieve the 70/30 goal in an effort to change the tax base within the Franklin School District area.

No action was taken on the implementation of the City of Franklin 2025 Comprehensive Master Plan.

**City of Franklin
(Franklin Trails Committee)**

Property: City-wide

Zoning: City-wide

Regarding: 1. Status report

- F. Commissioner Fowler presented the status report of the Franklin Trails Committee.

No action needed. None taken.

ADJOURNMENT

- IV. Commissioner Bennett moved and Commissioner Ritter seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All voted ‘aye’; motion carried.