

Patsy Adkins

From: Jill luke
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Patsy Adkins
Subject: Agenda Item for 6-27-17 Regular Commission meeting

Patsy, I would like to submit the following agenda item for the 6-27-17 Regular Commission meeting.

Title:

Discussion and possible action regarding the potential addition of 2 alternate positions on the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board (PZAB).

Recommendation:

Recommend adding 2 alternate positions to PZAB, as it once had, to avoid not being able to establish a quorum at their meetings.

Background information:

A recent PZAB meeting had to be cancelled because there was not a quorum. This meeting was to handle a very important quasi-judicial subject, which had been advertised and notices sent. That day the applicant had flown in from Ohio. Special council had been hired to represent. Citizens had taken the time to come to the meeting. Each of these items costing the city money, as it will all have to be redone. This topic was ordered to be reheard by a judge for lack of due process, and we could not hold the initial meeting for this topic. This board is a Hearing Board and vitally important, being the first step in the hearing process. Not being able to make a quorum, not only has a greater impact on this process, but can cost the city money, as seen at this past meeting. Having alternates, also, helps to prepare future members of this important Board in the learning process, as they fulfill the State Statute of a Local Planning Agency and participate in the process of the development of the Comprehensive Plan and Master Plan.

Backup material and attachments:

This Advisory Board used to have alternates to avoid such situations, but they were removed, by the Commission, when the Boards were reworked a couple of years, ago.

Thank you – Jill Luke

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