



City of Powell, Ohio
Powell Planning & Zoning Commission

Donald Emerick, Vice Chairman
Bill Little

Kevin Futryk, Chairman
Richard Fusch
Brian Lorenz

Jim Hrivnak
Dan Wiencek

MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2009

A special meeting of the Powell Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order by Chairman Kevin Futryk on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 7:08 p.m. Commissioners present included Donald Emerick, Richard Fusch, Jim Hrivnak, Bill Little and Brian Lorenz. Dan Wiencek was absent. Also present were David Betz, Director of Development; Eric Fischer, Development Planner; Susie Ross, City Clerk; interested parties and members of the Press.

HEARING OF VISITORS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chairman Futryk opened the public comment session. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

The Ohio State University City and Regional Planning Program

David Betz, Director of Development, introduced the graduate student class who prepared the Sustainability Plan for the City of Powell.

Dr. Maria Manta Conroy, Ohio State University, presented the highlights of the final Sustainability Plan. She provided an overview of the analysis progress and reviewed the work which was completed in the last eight weeks. She said the class chose the City of Powell because of community interest, good works which were already in place, a rich history and twenty to thirty years of rapid growth. Dr. Conroy thanked the Commission members, City Staff, and members of the community for their assistance in this process.

The results of the plan were presented in a formal presentation to the members of the Planning & Zoning Commission. (Exhibit A)

Dr. Conroy said a lot of effort and excitement was generated through this effort. She said they made every effort to provide sufficient information in terms of funding opportunities on both the City and residential levels. She said resources are available in the community and there is an ability to run with these recommendations in a fairly short turnaround time. Dr. Conroy said they can't move forward on everything at once so they will need to gain input from the community. She said the class is hopeful that the Sustainability Plan and their effort is of great value to the City and its residents.

Chairman Futryk thanked Dr. Conroy and the students within the program for their exceptional work. He said the Commission appreciates their interest in the City of Powell. Mr. Betz said this is important to the City and residents and this is a good exercise for them to complete. He said priorities can be determined after they review the study and the recommendations. He said they may then schedule a time for each priority and the recommendations associated with them. Chairman Futryk asked if City Council will receive a copy of the sustainability plan. Mr. Betz said they will. He said it will help the City government think of improvements in sustainability for both the short and long term.

Commissioner Hrivnak said he was impressed with the way the teams were able to pull the information together into a comprehensive format. He said he is interested in the details within the full presentation. Chairman Futryk asked that a copy of the entire plan be distributed to each member of the Commission and City Council.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Mr. Betz said a Special Meeting will be held on June 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: August 12, 2009



Kevin Futryk
Chairman

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Date



Susie Ross
City Clerk

