

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Rolling Fields City Commission

6:30 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church

February 13, 2013

Those Present: Mayor Bill Conway, Commissioners Beth Moffett, Carolyn Wetterer, Danny Tafel, David Dunn, Treasurer Joanna Nugent, and Clerk Rachel Schrepferman. Also attending: Attorney Bill Bardenwerper, Skee Bauer, Architect Vadim Kaplan and Steve Bass (Mockingbird Gardens resident).

January Police Report: The IHPD report was given and submitted by Chief Spratt. All is quiet in Rolling Fields.

December and January Minutes: The December minutes were unanimously approved. January minutes were unanimously approved, as amended with spelling corrections.

Former Doll's Lease: Bill Bardenwerper explained that the Doll's plat has been sold to Sutherland Southwest of Kansas City and will be redeveloped as a 23,000 sq ft. Sutherland Hardware and Mercantile store.

Bauer/Azalea Property: Bill Bardenwerper passed out elevations of the planned redevelopment of the Azalea property (included with minutes) and gave the Commission an overview of the plans.

He turned presentation to Mr. Bauer and left the meeting. Mr. Bauer talked at great length, giving the history of the property as he recalled. He postulated that no local restaurateur has any interest in the Azalea building and he will be presenting a redevelopment plan to the Metro Architectural Review Committee on February 27th for approval. The plan includes the demolition of the existing Azalea building and erecting 2 buildings street-side – one as a medical office building with a Bauer's-like Williamsburg façade and the other a post-modern restaurant operated by the Cunningham's Restaurant Group of Indianapolis (Mesh). The Azalea patio will be preserved and parking will be behind the buildings.

Questions were then fielded by Vadim Kaplan regarding the appropriateness of the post-modern architecture of the restaurant building, the positioning of the building street-side, landscaping, the west facing elevation of the restaurant, the timeline for construction and other considerations. Mr. Kaplan responded as best he could but acknowledged that this is a work in progress and changes should be expected.

The Commission agreed to provide feedback to Mr. Bauer regarding support of redevelopment, with reservations about the entrance from Brownsboro Road, the landscaping plan, and requesting reconsideration of the restaurant building's post-modern architecture.

Crumbling MSD drains: Mayor Conway reported that he had talked to MSD (Troy Smith) and the existing roll-up curbing at City intersections was not put in by MSD and most likely was used for traffic control. Troy also reported that the aprons around the streetside drains, if they are not inhibiting drainage, are City responsibility. MSD will not replace them.

Curbing update: Commissioner Tafel said that he had feedback from residents that the new curb at Ms. Bird's house was too high. He will have the limestone reset at a lower level and residents will be advised that similar curbing is to be installed throughout the City in the next newsletter. No additional construction will occur until residents are fully advised of the curbing plan.

Communication: Mayor Conway will have the city website updated to include the Bauer redevelopment plans. The Commission also approved the development of a Facebook page to expedite communication. Mayor will consult with Ashton Advertising (website administrator) for recommendation and pricing.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Wetterer. Commissioner Moffett seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Schrepferman
Clerk, Rolling Fields