

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Planning and Zoning Commission
Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, College Station City Hall
1101 Texas Avenue
College Station, Texas



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Scott Shafer, John Nichols, Bill Davis, Marsha Sanford, Dennis Christiansen and Harold Strong.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ken Reynolds.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Gay.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF PRESENT: Staff Planner Lindsay Boyer, Molly Hitchcock, Crissy Hartl and Jennifer Reeves, Senior Assistant City Engineer Alan Gibbs, Graduate Civil Engineers Carol Cotter and Josh Norton, Transportation Planner Ken Fogle, Assistant Director Lance Simms, and Staff Assistant Lisa Lindgren.

OTHER CITY STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Attorney Roxanne Nemcik and Action Center Representative Justine Wolf.

6. Public hearing, presentation, discussion, and possible action on an ordinance to amend the City's thoroughfare plan east of Earl Rudder Freeway South, between North Forest Parkway and Raintree Drive. **Case #05-500163 (KF)**

Ken Fogle, Transportation Planner, presented the thoroughfare plan reminding the Commission that the rezoning and master plan were tabled at the September 15, 2005 meeting. He stated that those items would be heard on the agenda at the present meeting along with the thoroughfare plan.

Mike McClure, 9262 Brookwater Circle, College Station, Texas. Mr. McClure stated that he was a resident of Woodcreek. He also stated that the East by-pass was a long distance traffic mover. He stated that the residents of Woodcreek help in congesting that area because they do not have a secondary route, which would be Appomattox. Mr. McClure agreed that the lots that front on those streets need to be mitigated and that there was a need to keep the arterials open.

Steve Arden, 311 Cecelia Loop, College Station, Texas. Mr. Arden stated that the location of the subdivision was a mid-way between Emerald Forest and Raintree outlets to the east by-pass. He also stated that they are trying to mitigate any increase in traffic by having the two 90 degree turns. He continued stating that Raintree is the only route that does tend to

funnel whatever traffic there may be in that location. Mr. Arden felt that by having a parallel system for the most part outside of Raintree as an alternate route would help disburse the traffic. He stated that he was concerned about the 12 to 15 acres on the backside of the old Westinghouse plant and Raintree, saying that the property will change some day and it has every right to utilize the two streets in Raintree that stub out to that property. Mr. Arden stated that Appomattox will not be extended until that property is developed.

Commissioner John Nichols asked staff that if it was such a good idea to have this road built out to allow a secondary access, then why can't the City find a way to get it done.

Mr. Fogle stated that this could take place as part of the Capital Improvement Program. Following the approval of this item, discussions will be able to begin to take place at the Council level.

Commissioner John Nichols motioned to approve the recommendation to Council to amend the City's thoroughfare plan in order to connect Raintree Drive to North Forest Parkway and to extend Appomattox Drive. Commissioner Harold Strong seconded the motion, motion passed (6-0).

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