

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning and Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a workshop meeting on, **Monday, August 13, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

**Edward Garcia – Chairman
Reuben Cuellar
Tobey Davenport
Jesse Aguilar, Jr. - Absent
Eddie Virgil**

Staff: Melissa Farmer
Kola Olayiwola
Wallace Shaw
Nat Hickey

Guest: Annette Bennett
David Knuckey – Port Freeport

Open Meeting.

Mr. Edward Garcia called meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation.

Mr. Wallace Shaw opened the meeting with a prayer.

Discuss/consider request by Ms. Annette Bennett to re-plat DIV 8, Lot Eighty (80), Eighty-One (81) and Eighty-Two (82), Bridge Harbor Subdivision, known locally as 82 Dolphin Street.

Mr. Tobey Davenport made a motion to accept re-plat, seconded by Mr. Reuben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/consider making a recommendation to the City Council to schedule a Joint Public Hearing to re-zone Block Six Hundred and Sixty-Two (662), Velasco Townsite, Freeport, Texas, from an R-2 – R-3 District to a C-1 District.

Mr. Tobey Davenport made a motion to make a recommendation to City Council to schedule a Joint Public Hearing to re-zone Block 662, Velasco Townsite from an R-2 – R-2 District to a C-1 District, seconded by Ms. Eddie Virgil, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/consider developing Five (5) priority items/goals for the City of Freeport to recommend to the City Council.

Mr. Edward Garcia's Items:

- For the City to come up with a plan to fund a comprehensive plan for the City of Freeport.
- City Council and Port Freeport Commissioner's establish an annual meeting to identify problems of mutual interest.
- Drainage ditches off Avenue P, a large undeveloped area, try to come up with some ideas as far as funding so that the City can put culverts in there to establish a better area where developers can come in and say that this is an area they could come in and develop.
- Get an aerial map of the City so that the Planning Commission can pinpoint and establish all the undeveloped residential areas in the City so that they can come up with some kind of plan to develop these areas.
- Identify and upgrade the street signs and traffic flow around the schools and also access into the schools.

Mr. Tobey Davenport's Items:

- For the City to actively market the Urban Renewal area as a residential and/or mixed uses subdivision. Money set aside to hire professional help in marketing that area – developing a plan specifically for Urban Renewal, over and above what we're talking about for the whole City.
- Infrastructure on the highways – Velasco Boulevard to Pine Street needs to be made into a 4-lane road. Jones to Victoria – Victoria to traffic light on 288B, the roads need major repair.
- Work on Marina Project.

Ms. Eddie Virgil's Items:

- Develop a subdivision in the Urban Renewal area to bring families to the area.
- Building businesses and give incentives to come here and build businesses.
- Promote the City through advertising, such as, television, newspaper, talking about the quality of life here in Freeport, such as good schools, nice parks and fishing.

Mr. Reuben Cuellar's Items:

- Improving drainage and sewer by involving Veolia, since they know what and where the problems exist.
- Bring in businesses – come up with a plan to bring businesses to Freeport.
- Open up the old river and call Freeport, Freeport Island.
- Build beautiful beach houses on levee road.
- Opposite side of levee, create some type of business.

Adjourn.

Mr. Reuben Cuellar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Eddie Virgil, unanimous vote for approval. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Edward Garcia, Chairman