

STATE OF TEXAS            )(

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA    )(

CITY OF FREEPORT       )(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning and Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting on **Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

**Planning Commission:**

Diane Williams, Chairperson  
Robert Leffingwell - Absent  
Linda Allen  
Michelle Kent  
Roddy Mohler  
Abel Garcia

**Staff:**

Larry Ellis  
Melissa Farmer  
Mayor Larry McDonald  
Nat Hickey  
Wallace Shaw  
City Manager- Gary Beverly  
Freeport Police Chief-Jeff Pynes

**Visitors:**

Barbara Mohler  
Pixie Floyd  
Councilman -Ron Wise

**Open Meeting**

Ms. Diane Williams called meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Invocation**

Mayor Larry McDonald opened meeting with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Roddy Mohler moved to accept the minutes for April 28, 2008, seconded by Mr. Robert Leffingwell, unanimous vote for approval.

**Discuss/consider adopting the proposal of the Chief of Police for handling traffic problems at Jane Long Elementary**

Mr. Jeff Pynes discussed with the Planning Commission the meeting he had on May 13, 2008 with a group to discuss what they could do to help make sure the school environment is as safe as possible for the children. He discussed some of the action items and the status on these items. He said that he would keep the Planning Commission informed of the progress.

No motion was made on this item.

**Discuss/consider re-platting Lots Fifteen (15) through Sixteen (16), Block Five Hundred and Two (502), Velasco Townsite, known as 5 North Avenue B, City of Freeport; and Lots Seventeen (17) through Eighteen (18), Block Five Hundred and Two (502), Velasco Townsite, known as 9 North Avenue B, City of Freeport**

The Planning Commission discussed the re-plat of Block Five-Hundred and Two (502), Lots Fifteen (15) through Eighteen (18), known as 5 North Avenue B and 9 North Avenue B, Habitat for Humanity properties. Mr. Roddy Mohler wanted to know if there was a way to see if the Habitat homes could be scattered throughout the City, since there was already eight of these homes, with more than one or two on the same block. Mr. Gary Beverly said that he would set up a meeting with the Director, Ms. Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, to see what information could be attained before the homes were built.

Mrs. Michelle Kent made a motion to accept the re-plat, seconded by Mr. Robert Leffingwell.

By a vote of 3 to 1, with Mr. Roddy Mohler voting against, the motion passed.

**Discuss/consider re-plat of Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12) and Twelve A (12A), Block Eight-Hundred and Seven (807), Velasco Townsite, known as 1802 North Avenue M, City of Freeport. Tax ID No. 8110-4160-000**

The Planning Commission discussed the re-plat of Block Eight –Hundred and Seven (807), Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12) and Twelve A (12A).

Mr. Roddy Mohler made a motion to accept the re-plat, seconded by Mr. Robert Leffingwell, unanimous vote for approval.

**Discuss/consider recommending to the City Council an exception for trellises and other similar structures from the front yard fence or fencing prohibition contained in the Zoning Ordinance codified as Division (L) of Section 155.023 of the Code of Ordinances**

The Planning Commission discussed what the definitions of a fence were, Mr. Shaw stated that the ordinance on fences does not give a clear definition of what a fence is; he stated that they needed to decide if they wanted anything in the front yard. Mr. Gary Beverly stated that the definition of fencing needed to be cleared up.

Mrs. Michelle Kent made a motion for the staff to come back with a definition and to look at exceptions, seconded by Mr. Roddy Mohler, unanimous vote for approval.

**Adjourn**

Mrs. Michelle Kent made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Robert Leffingwell. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Diane Williams, Chairperson