

## Town of River Bend Planning Board

Minutes for Regular Meeting – 4 August 2022 – River Bend Municipal Building

**Board Members present:** Chairman Egon Lippert, Vice Chair Bob Kohn, Linda Cummings, Kathleen Fleming, Kelly Forrest, Kelly Latimer

**Board Members absent:** Keith Boulware

**Others present:** Councilman Buddy Sheffield, Councilwoman Barbara Maurer, Assistant Zoning Administrator Allison McCollum, and five members of the public

### 1. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting was called to Order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, 4 August 2022, in the River Bend Municipal Building meeting room with a quorum present.

### 2. General Visitor Comments

Chairman Egon Lippert asked if anyone wished to speak now, or preferred to wait until their issue came up on the agenda. All present opted to wait to speak during the short-term-rental discussion.

### 3. Approval of 2 June 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the 2 June 2022 Regular Meeting. **Motion** was made by Vice Chair Bob Kohn to accept the Minutes as presented. Motion was **seconded** by Board Member Kelly Latimer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### 4. Reports

#### a. Zoning Report

AZA Allison McCollum presented the Board with a typed report summarizing the number of permits issued, the type of permit issued, and the total of all permit fees for the months of June and July 2022. The members of the Board reviewed the report and asked questions as needed.

#### b. Council Report

Councilman Buddy Sheffield addressed the Board and verbally reviewed the most recent actions of the Town Council. The members of the Planning Board asked questions as needed.

### 5. Old Business

#### a. Updates/revisions to current sign ordinance

AZA Allison McCollum presented the Board with proposed changes to the Town's existing sign ordinance, as prepared by Town Manager Delane Jackson, Town Attorney David Baxter, and AZA Allison McCollum. As discussed in previous meetings, the revisions are intended to align the Town of River Bend's sign ordinance with rulings from the United States Supreme Court regarding sign enforcement. The Board asked questions as needed. **Motion** was made by Vice Chair Bob Kohn to propose the revised ordinance to the Town Council. Motion was **seconded** by Board Member Linda Cummings. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** was made by Vice Chair Bob Kohn to approve the Resolution – Advising that the proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances are in accordance with all officially adopted plans, including the Comprehensive Land Use Plan; are reasonable; and are in the public interest. Motion was **seconded** by Board Member Kathleen Fleming. **Motion carried unanimously.** The consistency statement was signed by Chairman Egon Lippert and witnessed by Secretary Allison McCollum.

**b. Updates/revisions to current ordinance regarding short-term-rentals**

Chairman Egon Lippert called on the members of the public present to speak in turn. All persons present spoke to the Board, some in favor of allowing short-term-rentals, some opposed. After much discussion, AZA Allison McCollum presented the Planning Board with proposed changes to the Town's existing ordinance that would clarify the prohibition of short-term-rentals within the Town, as specifically requested by the Planning Board at a previous meeting.

**Motion** was made by Board Member Kelly Latimer to propose the revised ordinance to the Town Council. Motion was **seconded** by Vice Chair Bob Kohn. All other present members voted in opposition. With a vote of 2 in favor, 4 opposed, the motion failed.

The Planning Board directed Town staff to prepare additional options for a revisions at the next meeting.

**6. New Business**

**a. Election of Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.**

Councilman Buddy Sheffield took over the proceedings so that the Planning Board could elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary as required by ordinance. He asked for a volunteer or a nomination from the Board Members for Chair. Board Member Linda Cummings **motioned** to name Egon Lippert as Chairman. Board Member Kathleen Fleming **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.** Chairman Egon Lippert accepted the position.

Councilman Sheffield asked for a volunteer or a nomination from the Board Members for Vice Chair. Board Member Kathleen Fleming **motioned** to name Bob Kohn as Vice Chair. Chairman Egon Lippert **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.** Vice Chair Bob Kohn accepted the position.

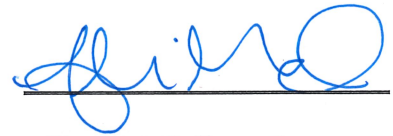
Councilman Sheffield asked for a volunteer or a nomination from the Board Members for Secretary. Board Member Kelly Forrest **motioned** to name AZA Allison McCollum as Secretary. Board Member Kathleen Fleming **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried unanimously**. Secretary Allison McCollum accepted the position.

7. Other

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 1 September 2022 at 6pm.

8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Vice Chair Bob Kohn to adjourn the meeting. Motion was **seconded** by Board Member Kathleen Fleming. **Motion carried unanimously** and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.



Allison McCollum, Secretary