

**Morristown Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
September 8, 2020**

Members Present

Chairman Frank McGuffin
Mayor Gary Chesney
Vice-Chairman Jack Kennerly
Commissioner Wanda Neal
Councilmember Robert (Bob) Garrett
Commissioner Ventrus Norfolk
Commissioner Amy Hancock

Others Present

Steve Neilson, Development Director
Tina Allison, Admin. Asst. Planning
Lori Matthews, Senior Planner
Josh Cole, Planner
Richard DesGroseillers, MTPO Coordinator
Larry Clark, Asst. City Administrator

Members Absent

Secretary Roni Snyder
Commissioner Bill Thompson

Chairman Frank McGuffin called the meeting to order.

**I. Annual Meeting: Election of Officer: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary
Review of 2020 Meeting Dates and Deadlines**

The Board called for annual election of Officers. All of the offices of the Morristown Regional Planning Commission and are vacated.

Commissioner Jack Kennerly nominated Frank McGuffin as Chairman of the Morristown Regional Planning Commission. Frank McGuffin accepted by acclamation.

Board voted all Ayes.

Commissioner Wanda Neal nominated Jack Kennerly as Vice-Chairman of the Morristown Regional Planning Commission. Jack Kennerly accepted by acclamation.

Board voted all Ayes.

Commissioner Wanda Neal nominated Roni Snyder as Secretary of the Morristown Regional Planning Commission.

Board voted all Ayes.

Officers Elected.

II. Approval of August 11th, 2020 minutes:

Commissioner Ventrus Norfolk made a motion for approval of the August 11th, 2020 minutes seconded by Commissioner Amy Hancock.

Voting Results upon voice vote all Ayes. Motion carries.

III. Old Business:

None

IV. New Business:

ROAD-2432: Chestnut Avenue Street Renaming to Jaram Road

Planner Josh Cole discussed Chestnut Avenue being a disconnected street with one portion being located to the east N. Liberty Hill Road and the second portion is located to the west of N. Haun Drive. Mr. Cole stated that roads just as this can cause logistical problems for emergency services and response. After discussing it over with the lone property owner of the western portion of Chestnut Avenue, the owner and Staff have agreed to suggest renaming this portion of Chestnut Avenue to Jaram Road. The suggested name has been supported by the GIS Department and Morristown-Hamblen 911.

Staff recommended approval of the proposed street renaming for the above reference portion of Chestnut Avenue to Jaram Road.

Vice-Chairman Jack Kennerly made a motion to approve the street renaming seconded by Mayor Gary Chesney.

Voting Results 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carries.

ANNX-2430: Morelock Road Annexation

Senior Planner Lori Matthews discussed a request for annexation from Mr. Clint Harrison, as the acting engineer for David and Gale Morelock and Naomi Price, owners of the property. The property is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary area and is located behind Lea Hills (Phase II) Subdivision, just north of John Hay Elementary School. The applicant asked to have the property zoned R-2 (Medium Density Residential) upon annexation into the City.

Ms. Matthews stated the 27-acre parcel may be accessed by Morelock Road, Combs Lane and Apple Blossom Lane. Spring Creek Apartments are located just across Morelock Road from this site, as well as along Combs Lane. Properties to the south include single-family communities such as Lea Hills, McGhee Addition and Hillside Subdivisions. Property to the north is vacant and still in large acreage tracts. The property slopes gently toward the middle of the property, where there appears was once a small perennial stream.

The owners are working with developer Shannon Greene and Engineer Clint Harrison on plans to construct a 100+/- lot subdivision, should the annexation be approved. Morristown Utilities

will be the sewer and electrical provider. Water service will mostly likely be Russellville-Whitesburg Utility.

Staff recommended that the Planning Commission forward this annexation request onto City Council for approval.

Mayor Gary Chesney made a motion to approve the annexation request seconded by Commissioner Amy Hancock.

Voting Results 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carries.

Resolution to Support ETHRA Applying the Residual FTA Section 5303-5304 Grant

Richard DesGroseillers, MTPO Coordinator, spoke about a Resolution to support ETHRA in applying for the Residual 5303 funding. The funding can be used for mass transit planning purposes. In coordination with the startup of the Lakeway Transit, a feasibility study is desired for a transit center within Morristown. Mr. DesGroseillers stated LAMPTO is looking for about \$100,000, hopefully less, for this grant.

LAMPTO Staff recommended approving the contract as submitted.

Discussion followed.

Vice-Chairman Jack Kennerly made a motion to approve the contract seconded by Commissioner Wanda Neal.

Voting Results 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carries.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Roni Snyder, Secretary

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