

FARMERSVILLE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
October 20, 2014

The Farmersville Citizens Advisory Committee met in special session on October 20, 2014 at 7:10 p.m. at the City of Farmersville Council Chambers with the following members present: Bryce Thompson, Patti Ford, Charles Casada, Chad Dillard and Craig Overstreet. Commission members absent were Mark Vincent and Todd Rolan. Staff members present was City Manager Ben White, Attorney David Ritter standing in for City Attorney Alan Lathrom and City Secretary Edie Sims. Council Liaison John Klostermann was present.

CALL TO ORDER AND RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS/VISITORS

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Edie Sims called roll and announced that a quorum was present.

Item II – A) CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND REVIEW PLANNING-RELATED ISSUES AND THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SUCH DISCUSSIONS

City Manager Ben White chose Transportation as the next segment of the Comprehensive Plan to review. As we go forward, the Strategies are helpful tools and guidelines to keep us on track. Under Goal 1: Adopt and begin implementation of the Proposed Master Thoroughfare Plan, Strategy 1.1 is the only strategy that has been completed to date. The City needs to integrate bicycles and pedestrians along with the Thoroughfare Plan.

Goal 2: Adopt and begin implementation of the Proposed Trails Plan. The City has a system plan but the plan does not delineate the details of the trails. With the development of the wastewater treatment facility on County Road 550, the City plans to use the right-of-way as a trail to connect to Lake Lavon. Presently, we have the “Cadillac” of the Chaparral Trail.

Questions were asked who owns the Chaparral Trail with Mr. White stating the City owns the trail; however it could revert to the railroad, although this is not likely to occur.

Goal 3: Maintain and Enhance Farmersville’s Existing Transportation System. Mr. White stated the City is working through the Bond and will need to revisit this item in 2-3 more years. Mr. White spoke of some roadway conditions as being hideous. Craig Overstreet questioned if we are using design standards. Mr. White stated an example would be Sycamore Street where we recently completed a panel replacement project. The original street was not built to design standards. To go forward, further panel replacements will be required. Maple Street is another thoroughfare that was not built to design standards. Mr. White stated the City crews will begin working on other panel replacements before the end of the year. Another issue is inadequate base for our asphalt streets. Also heavier trucks are utilizing our City streets which creates more maintenance. In order to stay up with the needs, the City needs to be better equipped with crack sealers, tools and other equipment. Our City crews are very efficient at maintaining the streets.

Goal 4: Develop Bike and Pedestrian Standards. This portion is in process.

Goal 5: Coordinate with regional entities to plan for future passenger and freight rail connections. Mr. White stated the City is doing very well with planning and coordinating with other entities.

Goal 6: Coordinate with regional agencies to plan for future road and trail connections. Mr. White stated “we are going like gangbusters.”

Charles Casada spoke of the Safe Routes to School project and how he thought having a crossing over Highway 78 was in the plans. Mr. White stated he was not clear why this portion of the project was changed, but will look into overhead sidewalks in future planning.

Item III) ADJOURNMENT

Craig Overstreet motioned to adjourn with Charles Casada seconding the motion. The Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:52pm.

Patti Ford, Secretary

Bryce Thompson, Vice-Chairman