

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL,
PLANNING COMMISSION, EDA, and PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Don Orrock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Russell's on the Lake located at 100 Jefferson Blvd.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Mayor Don Orrock, Council Members Dick Backlund, Chuck Heitz, Lori Kampa, and Patricia May.

Planning Commission Members present: Chair Kirby Becker, Doug Hayes, Scott Marotz, and David Schreiber.

EDA Members present: President Doug Hayes, and Jim Dickinson.

Parks Advisory Committee Members present: Chair Terry Carlson, Eugene Earney, Scott Marotz, Denise McDowall-Seyko, and Kristi Uphoff.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Johnson, Finance Director Corey Boyer, Community Economic Development Director Jim Thares, Public Works Director Mike Goebel, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Senior Planner Katie Larsen, City Engineer Brad DeWolf, and Jennifer Edwards from the West Sherburne Tribune.

3. DISCUSSION

Mayor Orrock thanked all members for their service. Council identified projects the City has accomplished in 2007 and the 2008 goals and objectives set at the recent City Council Goal Setting Workshop. Mayor Orrock invited the Committee Members to give updates on accomplishments and needs of the various committees.

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Planning Commission Chair Kirby Becker reviewed projects and developments brought to the Planning Commission in 2007. Doug Hayes discussed the potential changes to the Downtown Design District and explained that the purpose of the standards was to give the City an "identity". David Schreiber discussed the possibility of the Boards looking into the "Adopt A Road" program.

EDA President Doug Hayes reviewed projects the EDA accomplished in 2007 and identified proposed upcoming projects. Board Members also discussed the expansion of the Big Lake Industrial Park East, and the upcoming Northstar Commuter Rail project.

Parks Board Chair Terry Carlson discussed accomplishments of the Parks Advisory Board and also addressed future Park planning in the City. Board Members also reviewed improvements to Lakeside Park, the Esplanade project, the proposed regional park complex, and irrigation improvements in various parks. Gene Earney informed the Boards that Terry Carlson and Denise McDowall-Seyko's terms are up at the end of the year. Council and Board Members thanked both of them for their service to the Park Board.

Mayor Orrock thanked all the Committee Members and staff for attending.

4. ADJOURN

Workshop adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Gina Wolbeck
Clerk

Date Approved By Council _____ 12/12/07 _____