

**Minutes of Meeting
Belton Planning Commission
City Hall Annex, 520 Main Street
October 3, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Holly Girgin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Chairman Girgin, Councilman Bobby Davidson, Commissioners Steven Chancellor and Mike Van Eaton.

Staff: Jay Leipzig, Community Development Director; Robert Cooper, City Planner; and Ann Keeton, Community Development Secretary.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Gary Lathrop, Commissioners Sally Davila, Tim McDonough, Jeff Fletcher and Larry Thompson.

It was determined there was not a quorum present and the meeting adjourned. The presentations continued as scheduled.

COMPLETE STREETS / LIVABLE STREETS

Samara Klein, advocacy director with KC Healthy Kids, presented a PowerPoint report about the Complete Streets/Livable Streets program. She gave an explanation of the objectives of KC Healthy Kids. She provided details about the childhood obesity epidemic and the physical, emotional and health related issues that result from childhood obesity. Ms. Klein defined Complete Streets/Livable Streets as roadways that are designed for safe and convenient travel by all users including motor vehicles, pedestrians, transit vehicles and bicyclists. She emphasized the Complete Streets/Livable Streets program will benefit the whole population and she provided examples from other countries. Various benefits of active transportation were presented along with features that make-up the Complete Streets/Livable Streets program. In the United States in locations where there is infrastructure that allows active transportation, the obesity rate is lower according to Ms. Klein.

Ms. Klein pointed out that the City of Lee's Summit's Resolution establishing their Complete Streets/Livable Streets policy is a model being used by other area cities. She identified the "good" policy elements in Lee's Summit's Resolution. She indicated the Complete Streets/Livable Streets program is a visionary policy for future planning and development. Mr. Leipzig added that this program encourages connectivity among land development using a cohesive approach to land planning.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Mr. Leipzig explained changes to the process and schedule of adoption for the CIP. Ben McCabe, City Engineer, presented information about the definition and purpose of the CIP. He exhibited an

organizational chart of the public works department and explained there is currently neither a “stormwater” division nor a dedicated source of revenue to address stormwater issues. Criteria that make projects eligible for consideration as capital projects were shared by Mr. McCabe. An explanation of the information in the CIP packet was given by Mr. McCabe, and he presented a brief overview of the City’s needs. He related the five-year-vision of the Public Works Department and he provided details about the scoring criteria included in the packet. A schedule of the CIP process was given after which Mr. McCabe stated the CIP process should be complete and ready for consideration when the City budget process begins.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Leipzig reported there will be a joint training session of the Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment on Monday, October 10.

Ann Keeton
Community Development Secretary