

Porter Corridor Steering Committee Study Session
4:00 –5:30 PM
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
Multipurpose Room, Norman Municipal Building

Members present:

Jim Adair
Roger Brown
Jeanette Coker
Jim Gasaway
Cindy Gordon
Ty Hardiman
Mike Tower
William Woods

Members absent:

Joel Barbour
Amber Clour
Carol Dillingham
David Whitaker

Staff:

Susan Connors
Susan Atkinson

Guest:

Sherylann Densow

Summary:

Chairman Gasaway explained to committee that in order to meet filing deadlines for the City Council meeting on August 10, 2010, committee would need to have a final report with recommendations for a Zoning Overlay District that includes Design Guidelines by the end of June.

Meeting Schedule. Planning Director Susan Connors proposed that the Steering Committee meet the first four Tuesdays in June: i.e. June 1, 8, 15, and 22, with 29 TBD if needed. It is understood that members may be out of town in June. Members were urged to attend all meeting they could. Members agreed to this meeting schedule in order to complete the work City Council asked the committee to do.

Appeals. Susan Connors announced there would be two appeals to the Temporary Administrative Delay to be heard at City Council on June 8. Tarahumara Restaurant, 702 N. Porter is seeking to apply for a Special Use Permit to expand their parking lot and a demolition permit to remove three houses adjacent to the restaurant. St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 211 N. Porter is seeking to apply for a Special Use Permit in an R-3 zone to build a new parking lot on church-owned property at 410-414 E. Acres Streets, a

demolition permit to remove the existing rectory at 422 E Tonhawa and build a new rectory on the same site, and a paving permit to resurface an existing church parking lot on the NE corner of Tonhawa and Porter. Connors said staff would recommend approval for both.

Design Guideline content. Members discussed the content of Zoning Overlay District. Gasaway stated that direction from the Mayor was that Steering Committee should submit a complete ZOD to City Council and let Council decide how to proceed from there. Group began discussion from most recent draft dated April 13. Group discussed guideline content issues including parking lot location and shared parking; landscaping, and parking lot lighting.

Group also discussed the idea of advisory guidelines vs. regulatory guidelines and the fact that advisory or aspirational guidelines help set the tone for the environment. Group asked for more info at June 1 meeting about the City's clear sight triangle policies.

Next Meeting. Tuesday, June 1 from 4:00-5:30PM in Multipurpose Room of Municipal Building.