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**City of Evansville Plan Commission
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 6:01pm.

2. Roll Call:

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Mayor Bill Hurlley	P	City Administrator Jason Sergeant
Aldersperson Rick Cole	A	Community Development Director Colette Spranger
Aldersperson Susan Becker	P	Bill Lathrop, Evansville Today
Bill Hammann	P	
John Gishnock	P	
Mike Scarmon	P	
Eric Klar	P	

3. Motion to approve the agenda, by Hammann, seconded by Klar. Approved unanimously

4. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the January 4, 2022 meeting and approve them as printed, by Hammann, seconded by Becker. Approved unanimously.

5. Civility Reminder. Hurlley noted the City's commitment to conducting meetings with cordiality.

6. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed. None

7. Action Items

- A. Discussion and Motion to Recommend to Common Council Approval of the Final Land Divider's Agreement-Settler's Grove.** Hammann asked for clarification on the eastern boundary of the plat, the number of total outlots, the booster station, and an estimated time of build out. Spranger shared comments from Aldersperson Jim Brooks regarding the agreement. No changes were suggested or made to the document as presented. **Motion to Recommend to Common Council Approval of Final Land Divider's Agreement-Settler's Grove. Motion by Hammann, second by Becker. Approved unanimously.**

8. Discussion Items

A. Comprehensive Plan Update

i. Community Survey Questions and Overview

- B.** Spranger received guidance and suggestions from the Commission on the survey format and questions. **Motion to Recommend to Common Council Approval of the 2022 Community Survey. Motion by Hammann, second by Scarmon. Approved unanimously.**

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ii. Discussion, Guidance, and Goal Prioritization for Agricultural, Cultural, and Natural Resource Chapter

The Commission discussed edits and priorities on the draft chapter of the Natural, Cultural, and Agricultural Resources Chapter for the Comprehensive Plan update.

9. Community Development Report

Spranger gave the Community Development Report.

A. Upcoming Learning Opportunity, February 28: Fundamentals of Zoning and Land Use Decision Making.

Spranger informed and encouraged the Commission members to make use of the learning opportunity.

10. Discussion on Closed Session Meetings. Mayor Hurtley spoke of a recent closed session of the Plan Commission where it became clear afterward that one of the commission members revealed what was said to members of the public. This particular closed session was to provide the Commission an opportunity to help City staff and elected officials negotiate a financial concern, and the breach of information resulted in additional cost to the City and taxpayers. The inability of the Plan Commission – or any City committee – to conduct a closed session puts future negotiations at risk. The Mayor reminded the members of proper conduct and their role in ensuring development within the City occurs fairly to both the City and developer.

11. Next Meeting Date:

A. March 1, 2022 at 6:00pm

12. Motion to Adjourn by Hammann, seconded by Becker, Approved Unanimously.