

**NEWTON-NORTH NEWTON PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2019**

Members present-

Newton: Dan Harder (13-0), Jay Sommerfeld (10-7),
Carl Harris (15-4), Denise Goodnite (2-0), Jordan Miller (16-3)

North Newton: Gary Roth (16-3), Tyson Weidenbener (13-6),

Members absent-

Newton:

North Newton: Joe Slechta (14-5), Michael Bonner (1-1)

[Note: attendance-recording period runs from 6-4-18 to 5-31-19]

Staff present:

Newton: Ryan Sellers, City Planner
Justin Erickson, Building & Zoning Administrator
Christopher Towle, City Attorney
Alex Lane, Engineer II

The Newton-North Newton Area Planning Commission met on September 9, 2019 in a regular meeting at the Newton City Hall commission chambers, 201 East 6th Street, Newton, Kansas. At 6:00 p.m., a quorum was present and Chair Harris called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Consider approval of the August 5, 2019 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Roth moved and Commissioner Weidenbener seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Consider a final plat application for NDV Plaza Addition, submitted by KE Miller, for property located on the west side of S Kansas Ave, east of Old Main St. The property is legally described as: The North ½ of the Southeast ¼, Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, Harvey County, Kansas, less road right-of-way.

Ryan Sellers, City Planner, presented the staff report. At the August 5, 2019 meeting, the preliminary plat was approved by the Planning Commission with the contingency that the applicant works through a list of updates provided by staff. A final plat for property located on the west side of S Kansas Ave and east of Old Main St. was submitted by KE Miller, on behalf of owner/developer NDV Real Estate.

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The legal description of the property is:
The North ½ of the Southeast ¼, Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, Harvey County, Kansas, less road right-of-way.

There were no questions for staff. Representatives from KE Miller and NDV Real Estate were present to address the commission. Chair Harris opened the public hearing. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Weidenbener moved and Commissioner Sommerfeld seconded to approve the final plat subject to changes to Reserve J and any other lot dimension adjustments as approved by the City Engineer. Motion carried, 7-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Comprehensive Plan Annual Review

A request for a review of the Comprehensive Plan (ReNewton) was made at the August 5, 2019 meeting with the review to take place at the September 9, 2019 meeting. According to Article I, Section 6 of the Planning Commission Bylaws, one of the duties of the Commission is to make, adopt, and maintain an official Comprehensive Plan for the cities of Newton and North Newton and surrounding areas of the County, and to annually review or reconsider the Comprehensive Plan to determine if the plan or any portion of it has become obsolete or been accomplished. This review was tabled and will resume at the October 7, 2019 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Old business.

Discussions continued on the Sign Ordinance as it pertains to murals.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

New business.

- Commissioners were provided information on a possible amendment to the Sign Ordinance that would allow for digital signage in R-1 Districts through the issuance of a Special Use Permit (SUP).

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Kelly McElroy

Secretary