

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AREA PLAN COMMISSION  
February 6, 2012**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY** was held on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM in a regularly scheduled meeting on the first floor of the Grant County Office Complex at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

Members present: Bob Bothwell, Myron Brankle, Mike Burton, Brittany Couse, Mark Gray, Travis LeMaster, Jim McWhirt, Dick Treon, Dick Trobridge, John Woodmansee and John Bonham, President. Members absent: Bob Monroe and Kim Windle.

Staff present: Executive Director Steve Niblick, and Recording Secretary Debbie Wallace.

John Bonham brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Bonham welcomed the new board members: Brittany Couse, council member of Jonesboro; Travis LeMaster, council member of Sweetser; and Mark Gray, citizen appointed by Van Buren Town Council.

No petitions were filed.

**Other Business:**

**Discussion of Comp Plan**

John Bonham would like to appoint a Comp Plan Committee that would have some representation from the Plan Commission and also people that are interested in Grant County. They might have expertise and knowledge that the board might not have. That would allow the Comp Plan to move a little faster and meet more frequently than once a month. Suggest that Tony Manry chair this committee, because of his expertise.

Bob Bothwell suggested getting plaques for the members going off the board and invite them back to be recognized.

Mike Burton concurs with the suggestion that if Tony is willing to act as a consultant, the board should use him. Dick Trobridge also agrees with the suggestion.

Steve Niblick – need feedback on the comp plan. A committee separate from the APC is needed. The Comp Committee would have no authority in its self. What ever the committee does would go to the APC board in a public meeting for consideration. Would like to expand the number of people on the Committee possibly twelve to fifteen members.

Jim McWhirt feels this is the responsibility of the APC board and feels the board is capable of being the committee. Dick Treon also agrees.

Niblick - the Plan Commission when they meet must be advertised; the APC attorney would have to be consulted to determine if the Comp Plan committees would need to be advertised. The Comp Plan is land use and future development to guide the County Commissioners, County Council and other municipal communities on how the County grows or changes. Once the Comprehensive Plan is done that is the legal basis for zoning. Zoning is law.

Dick Trobridge feels APC should meet every month regardless of if any petitions were filed or not.

John Woodmansee would like to see a section or two of the comp plan reviewed every month.

The Plan Commission will be the Comp Committee with other people invited to speak

### **Executive Committee discussion**

Membership of the Executive Committee is comprised of the President, Vice-President and three other members. John Bonham, Dick Treon and Dick Trobridge will serve on the Executive Committee; the other two members will be appointed at the next meeting.

### **Election of officers**

Dick Trobridge nominated John Bonham for President of the Area Plan Commission, Myron Brankle seconded nomination.

Dick Trobridge closed nomination.

All members present voted yes; motion carried.

John Woodmansee nominated Dick Treon for Vice-President of the Area Plan Commission, Dick Trobridge seconded nomination.

Brankle closed nomination.

All members present voted yes; motion carried.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

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John Bonham, GCAPC President