

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning and Traffic Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting on **Monday, July 28, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

**Diane Williams, Chairperson
Raul Ramirez
Roberto Caceres
Eric Hayes
Alonzo Martinez
Reuben Cuellar**

Staff:

Gary Beverly
Larry Ellis
Melissa Farmer
Wallace Shaw
Nat Hickey

Visitors:

Pixie Floyd
Joyce Adkins
Ron Wise
John Blevins

Open Meeting

Ms. Diane Williams called meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Invocation

Mr. Gary Beverly opened meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Reuben Cuellar moved to accept the minutes for June 23, 2008, seconded by Mr. Raul Ramirez, unanimous vote for approval.

Swearing in of newly appointed Planning Commission members.

Newly appointed officials take Oath of Office.

Discuss/consider making a recommendation to the City Council to schedule a Joint Public Hearing to grant Emma Covarrubias a specific-use permit for the purpose of constructing a new building at 517 West 2nd Street to become the new location of Friends Liquor & Wines, presently located at 511 West 2nd Street.

The Planning Commission members considered sending to the City Council a recommendation for a Joint Public Hearing asking to grant Emma Covarrubias a specific-use permit for the purpose of constructing a building for the new location of Friends Liquor & Wines.

Mr. Alonzo Martinez made a motion to send the request to City Council, seconded by Mr. Reuben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/consider signing re-plat of Block Six-Hundred Seventy-One (671), Lots One (1) through Twelve (12), Velasco Townsite, Tax ID 8770-2671-000. Property owned by Southern Development Company of Mississippi.

Mr. John Blevins, the contractor for Subway, discussed the re-plat with the Planning Commission members. Mr. Roberto Caceres wanted to know if the neighbors had any complaints about the building that was being built there. Mr. Blevins said that he had talked to the people in the neighborhood and that their only concern was with which way the front of the building would be facing. He stated that he told them that the front of the building would be facing 288 and that they did not have a problem with that.

Mr. Eric Hayes made a motion to accept the re-plat, seconded by Alonzo Martinez, unanimous vote for approval.

Discuss/consider recommendations to City Council regarding changes, if any, to safety inspections under Section 151.23(D) and 151.28(A) of the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Wallace Shaw discussed with the Planning Commission members the options they had in sending their request to City Council. He stated that Section 151.23(D) could be repealed or left unchanged and that for Section 151.28(A), they could leave it unchanged or repeal the second sentence and amend it to read “and more than Six (6) months have elapsed since the last electrical inspection of such building or structure.” Mr. Gary Beverly discussed the option of placing a moratorium on safety inspections and spending time researching the best possible solution. The Planning Commission discussed this matter at length with Mr. Wallace Shaw and Mr. Gary Beverly.

Recommendation by Ms. Diane Williams for a workshop on August 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., at the Freeport Police Department, Municipal Court Room.

Mr. Raul Ramirez made a motion to recommend to City Council a moratorium on safety inspections, seconded by Reuben Cuellar, unanimous vote for approval.

Adjourn

Mr. Reuben Cuellar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Roberto Caceres. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Diane Williams, Chairperson