

City of Mount Vernon  
Planning Commission  
Minutes of July 15, 2008

Chairperson **Denny Legro** called the meeting to order. Present were Commission members **Warren Cheney, Tom Twedt, Gary Molenaar, Mark Hulst, Donnie Keltz** and **Al Lyon**. Staff members **Eric Stendal, Larry Otos, Esco Bell** and **Mike Love** were also in attendance.

Minutes:

**Mr. Lyon** moved, second by **Mr. Hulst**, to approve the minutes from June 17, 2008. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan for the period of 2009 - 2014:

**Mr. Stendal** provided a brief background on the CIP. This is the annual update to the six year Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Mr. Legro** commented the new Kiwanis 18<sup>th</sup> Street park is beautiful and a great addition to the City.

**Mr. Hulst** questioned the cost estimate of the proposed fitness/exercise room at Fire Station 3 and how was it reached. **Mr. Stendal** will ask Chief Hari to contact Mr. Hulst to address his questions. **Mr. Hulst** commented he did not see new patrol vehicles for the Police Department. **Mr. Stendal** stated that is paid by the department rental fund.

A discussion on streets and trails ensued. **Mr. Love** stated the College Way and Riverside Drive improvement will be finished this summer. Others will be completed in 4 to 5 years. Some projects are added in the event funds become available. One half of a million dollars is spent each year on overlays and road repairs or maintenance. **Mr. Legro** asked what makes a project eligible for impact fee credits. **Mr. Love** stated there is a specific criteria in the ordinance that establishes eligibility. **Mr. Cheney** asked why Jacqueline Trail was cancelled. **Mr. Love** stated there are sewer easements that run through some of the property; it is best not to use the sewer easement as a trail. **Mr. Cheney** inquired about the Maddox Creek trail. **Mr. Love** stated additional trail has been installed which will eventually connect to Blackburn Road; it is a condition of Maddox PUD. **Mr. Cheney** thanked the Public Works department for installing the flashing stop sign at Division and Waugh and other work around the City. **Mr. Cheney** suggested curbing on the east bound lane on Section Street, between 18<sup>th</sup> and LaVenture, to help with pedestrian safety. **Mr. Hulst** asked about the Safe Route to School grant. **Mr. Love** stated the grant has been used for sidewalks by LaVenture Middle and Centennial Schools. Applications are submitted each year.

**Mr. Legro** inquired of roundabouts. **Mr. Bell** stated they are developer driven.

**Mr. Stendal** recommended calling Public Works with pedestrian traffic concerns. It is reviewed by the Traffic Safety committee and evaluated quarterly.

**Mr. Hulst** moved, second by **Mr. Keltz** to recommend the Capital Facilities Plan to City Council.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.