

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AND PUBLIC HEARING
August 7, 2024**

The Jasper Plan Commission met on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

CALL TO ORDER

President Paul Lorey called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

	In person	By Zoom	Absent
President Paul Lorey	✓	—	—
Vice President Blake Krueger	✓	—	—
Secretary Dana Schnarr	—	—	✓
Josh Premuda	—	—	✓
Ann Shappard	✓	—	—
Greg Schnarr	—	—	✓
Lisa Schmidt	✓	—	—
Gerry Miller	✓	—	—
Glen Pierce	—	—	✓
Kim Hagan	✓	—	—
City Engineer Chad Hurm	✓	—	—
Director of C.D./Planning Josh Gunselman	✓	—	—
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	✓	—	—

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the May 1, 2024, regular meeting were reviewed. Lisa Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes. Chad Hurm seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Daryl W and Jennifer L Kluemper as owner and petitioner, for a rezoning from RR (Rural Residential) to A1 (Agriculture General) – 520 S 400 W Jasper, Indiana

Daryl and Jennifer Kluemper appeared before the board requesting a favorable recommendation be made to Jasper Common Council for a re-zone of their property located at 520 S 400 W from Rural Residential to Agriculture General. Mr. Kluemper explained that the majority of the property is used for agriculture. However, when they built their home in 2003, they were advised to re-zone to Rural Residential.

Mrs. Kluemper reported that as their property was zoned Rural Residential, they had to apply for a variance to add a barn to their property in 2020. She explained that as the majority of the property is used for agricultural purposes, it makes sense to return the zoning to Agriculture General to avoid having to return for variances each time they add a barn. Lisa Schmidt asked for the size of the parcel. Mrs. Kluemper confirmed their property contains 4.54 acres.

President Lorey opened the public hearing. As no remonstrators were present, Chad Hurm made a motion to close the public hearing. Ann Shappard seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. After further discussion, Chad Hurm made a motion to make a favorable recommendation to Jasper Common Council for a re-zone of the property. Blake Krueger seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

City of Jasper as owner, and Heart of Jasper as petitioner, for a review to ensure the proposed Heart of Jasper Courtyard Project is consistent with the City of Jasper's Comprehensive Plan – Parking Lot at 4th Street and Main Street Jasper, Indiana

Kate Schwenk and Ruger Kersteiens, Heart of Jasper, were in attendance to present conceptual designs of a proposed courtyard park at the parking lot at the corner of 4th Street and Main Street. She explained that the project would help connect the cultural center to the rest of downtown Jasper. Plans for the project include public restrooms. Ms. Schwenk noted that the project would be funded by private fundraising efforts and grant writing. She also acknowledged concerns regarding eliminating downtown parking as well as maintenance and upkeep. Ms. Schwenk reported that plans for fundraising include funds to cover Jasper Park and Recreation Department maintaining the park.

Mr. Kersteiens shared details of the project including the layout and conceptual design. He also noted that the park will include public restrooms, various seating options, and an LED TV. Construction of the project would begin after the south Main Street development is complete. Ms. Schwenk stated that the timing of the proposed courtyard park was due to members of the community proposing the idea as some had lived in other communities with similar amenities.

Ms. Schwenk reviewed several areas of the City of Jasper's Comprehensive Plan and explained how this proposed project aligns with a number of goals. President Lorey noted the need for restrooms and reported that he originally had concerns about the impact of eliminating parking spaces downtown, but after review and assessment, he did not foresee a major impact.

After further discussion, Chad Hurm made a motion to report that the Heart of Jasper Courtyard Project aligns with the City of Jasper's Comprehensive Plan. Lisa Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

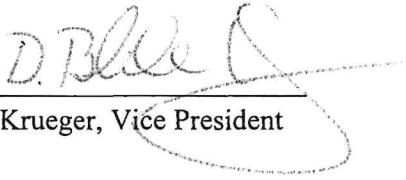
Community Development and Planning Intern

Josh Gunselman thanked Kevin Dominguez for a successful summer Internship with the Community Development and Planning department.

ADJOURNMENT

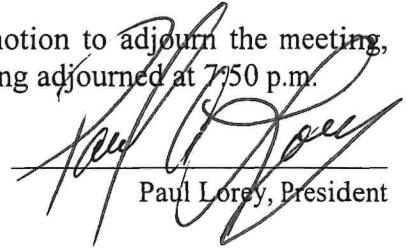
With no further business at hand, Chad Hurm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ann Shappard. The motion carried 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Attest:



Blake Krueger, Vice President

Recording Secretary, Becki Moorman



Paul Lorey, President