

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 28, 2011

1. Vice-Chair Gerry Harris called meeting to order in absence of Chairman Robert Mann.
2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT	ABSENT
JOSH CLARY	TONI BAHN
SEAN SCHADER	ROBERT MANN
MATTHEW HUTCHERSON	
GERRY HARRIS	
JUDY HORNE	
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2011  
Minutes approved with all commissioners present voting yes.
4. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: None
5. PUBLIC HEARING:  
Petitioner Candice Sawin was not present for a public hearing for renewal of a Conditional Use Request for in-home daycare operation. Commissioner Clary moved to table the hearing until the March 28, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously.
6. Celia Scott-Silkwood, of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission presented information regarding how to develop a Master Trail Plan for the City of Farmington. (See attached sheet for details of her presentation.)  
  
Commissioners agreed to begin identification process at the March 21, 2011 (6 PM) Planning Commission work session.
7. OTHER BUSINESS – None
8. Officers Elected for the coming year:

Robert Mann	Chairman
Gerry Harris	Vice Chairman
Toni Bahn	Secretary
9. ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Schader to **adjourn. Motion carried.**

Please consider this your official notification for Planning Commission Work Session on March 21, 2011.

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Secretary, Planning Commission

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Chairman, Planning Commission



Celia Scott-Silkwood, of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission presented information regarding how to develop a Master Trail Plan for the City of Farmington.

- 1) Commissioners should identify goals of a trails system, with input from citizens.
- 2) Brainstorm and mark trail ideas on map, taking into consideration where existing trails are located, where Fayetteville trails are located that might be connected with, types of trails desired– Bike? Hiking? Trail-bike? Should trails connect to schools? workplaces and local businesses? Non-motorized trails must be a minimum of 12 feet.
- 3) Put a questionnaire for public's input on the City of Farmington website. Documented input from the public will be important; also keep careful notes of public meetings where input was offered.
- 4) Put together the final plan.
- 5) Change ordinances related to land development, including trail requirements in the plats.
- 6) Search out funding resources: Federal and state funding; foundations, environmental groups, private donors. If the Master Trial Plan could integrate into the NWARPC Long Range Plan, that might also private some funding.
- 7) Buy land easements needed. Often costs can be reduced when trails are put by historical sites, in flood plains, in parks, on utility easements, or tie into other established trails, and connect to schools.