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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council - Housing Market Growth Strategy Sub-Committee

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

10:00 AM

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Short called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Staff present: City Manager Joe Smolinski, Assistant City Manager Matt Jones, Chief Financial Officer Troy Lestina, Director of Public Works Bart VanAmburgh, Director of Planning Jason Alexander, Assistant Director of Planning Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Assistant City Secretary Keera Seiger

Also in attendance: Mansfield Independent School District (MISD) Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Cantu, MISD Deputy Superintendent Dr. Sean Scott, MISD Executive Director of Student Operations Dr. Paul Cash, MISD Board Member Keziah Valdes Farrar, MISD Board Member Michelle Newsom

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Development Activity in Close Proximity to Ben Barber Innovation Academy and the Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts

Sub-Committee Member Lewis began the discussion regarding development patterns, specifically developments abutting schools. The current developments are not effective in allowing students to easily walk to and from school, which should not be the case. The sub-committee stated that they would like to find ways to make walking to and from schools easier for the students and are going to make that happen. Mr. Lewis next spoke on the Kinney tract of land that came before and was denied by Council at the October 24, 2022 meeting, and the Dolce Vita development. There was discussion regarding the lack of walkability in the area, dictating houses in new developments specifically for MISD employees, and addressing school district housing needs. Dr. Cantu spoke on the ideas discussed and walkability, but expressed concerns for a thoroughfare through parking lots where there is considerable traffic already. Board Member Newsom spoke on concerns regarding safety. There was additional discussion regarding neighborhood schools, usable sections of town, and the potential for certain areas. Director of Public Works Bart VanAmburgh spoke on creating an action plan for safe routes to schools. Mr. Lewis reaffirmed that the city is committed to finding alternative transportation methods for students to get to school. MISD will discuss everything that was considered during this meeting and will come back to the city with their thoughts.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Short adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

ATTEST: Julie Short, Chair

Keera Seiger, Assistant City Secretary