

Minutes: Russell Township Zoning Commission  
Russell Fire-Rescue Station  
September 23, 2015

Present: Richard E. Snyder, Chairman  
Bruce Murphy  
Ben Kotowski  
Donna Weiss Carson

Mr. Warren was absent with apologies.

Also in attendance: Diana Steffen, Zoning Inspector.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m.

**MINUTES OF August 26, 2015** – *Mr. Kotowski made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, Ms. Weiss Carson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

**LAND USE GUIDE PLAN UPDATE:** Ms. Weiss Carson said she made the corrections to her chapter of the land use guide plan on regional relations. She has not received an updated map from NOACA showing the regional freeway corridors, she received spreadsheets that had no assessment on them. She has asked NOACA for an updated map or an assessment of the spreadsheets with the updated information. The board decided that if they can't receive a current assessment of the regional freeway corridor map or a new map then they will remove it from the updated land use guide plan. Ms. Weiss Carson has received a map from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. This map of Russell Township shows all of the parcels outlines, but doesn't show parcel numbers or the owner's names. This map shows all of the lands with conservation easements, and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy is comfortable with using this map in a public document. Besides the map Ms. Weiss Carson will just have to do a final proof reading, and her chapter will be ready.

Mr. Snyder asked Ms. Weiss Carson if NOACA has plans to increase the number of lanes on 322, and 306. Ms. Weiss Carson said the only plans they have are Auburn road by expanding lanes, and they have already added turning lanes.

Mr. Kotowski went over the changes he made to the demographics chapter of the land use guide plan. Mr. Kotowski rewrote the first two paragraphs with current information. He changed the section about trends and projections, and added the bullet points of issues for the population. He updated Russell's growth up until the year 2000, and asked the board if they wanted all the old numbers left in for the history of growth in Russell.

Mr. Kotowski asked about the content that he updated, and said he has the graphs but has not put them in the document yet. Mr. Murphy suggested that the population projection be reworded to say "2015 projected as of old guide plan" and just some final editing of the chapter. Mr. Kotowski said he would go over all the numbers and graphs to make sure all the numbers are correct. He asked the board for any suggestions, and wants to make sure all of the changes make sense. He is still working on the paragraph on population characteristics. Ms. Weiss Carson asked Mr. Kotowski to include all the graphs in the document so the board could see everything put together, and then the board can make suggestions once they know what he has. Mr. Murphy made the suggestion to include the old historic projections along with the new 2015 projections. Mr. Kotowski will make changes and add graphs for the next meeting.

Mr. Murphy discussed the map he received showing lot classifications in Russell Township. The map needs a few changes but he has a draft, and the map show all of the parcels in Russell and the land use category of each parcel in the township. This map doesn't show the owner names or parcel numbers. The board discussed the possibility of combining some of the categories to make the map more legible and easier for people to understand. The current draft has 30 lot classifications; a lot of the categories are so similar that it would make the map easier to read if they were turned into one more general category. Mr. Murphy suggested adding a

