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CITY OF AMARILLO §

On the 6th day of May 2024, the Amarillo Planning and Zoning Commission met in a regular session at 3:00 PM in the City Council Chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 601 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo, Texas, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Jason Ault, Chairman	N	126	100
Fred Griffin, Vice Chairman	Y	80	78
Cindi Bulla	N	56	44
Josh Langham	Y	10	8
Noah Dawson	Y	10	10
Dick Ford	N	10	9
Landon Moreland	Y	11	8

CITY STAFF:

Emily Koller, Director of Planning
Cody Balzen, Principal Planner
Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner
Justin Oppel, Development Liaison
Leslie Spear-Schmidt, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Jenine Cruz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to order and establish a quorum is present.

Vice Chairman Fred Griffin opened the meeting at 3:00 PM, established a quorum, and conducted the consideration of the following items.

2. Public Comment

Vice Chairman Fred Griffin asked if anyone wanted to speak for public comment.

No public comments were made.

3. Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss or receive reports on the following current matters or projects.

A. Review agenda items for regular meeting and attachments.

No questions were made by the Commissioners.

B. Announcements.

Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner, updated the Commissioners on items forwarded to City Council for consideration.

C. Request future agenda items or updates from staff.

No comments were made by the Commissioners.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the April 15, 2024, regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Josh Langham and seconded by Commissioners Landon Moreland.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

5. Regular Agenda

A. Consideration of Plat P-24-46 Town Square Unit No. 15

Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner, presented the item and gave a staff recommendation of approval of the plat as presented pending the return of corrected originals.

Vice Chairman Fred Griffin asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak on the item.

No public comments were made.

A motion to approve the item as presented pending the return of corrected originals was made by Commissioner Landon Moreland and seconded by Commissioner Noah Dawson.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

B. Public Hearing and Consideration of Rezoning Z-23-21

Brady Kendrick, Senior Planner, presented the item and gave a staff recommendation of approval of the request as presented.

Vice Chairman Fred Griffin conducted the public hearing on the item.

No public comments were made.

A motion to approve the item as presented was made by Commissioner Josh Langham and seconded by Landon Moreland.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

C. Discussion on request to define the use allowable zoning districts, and associated parking requirements for outdoor art installations, sculpture gardens, and plazas.

Cody Balzen, Senior Planner, presented the discussion item on the request to define an unlisted use within the Zoning Ordinance Schedule of Uses, the appropriate zoning districts in which the use will be allowed, and the associated parking requirements for a publicly accessible outdoor art installation, sculpture garden, and plaza. He identified the code section and process for such a task and presented the draft research and recommendation from the Planning Department. Staff's recommendation considers splitting the "art gallery or museum" use type into an indoor and outdoor definition, setting the appropriate districts to the same as the existing indoor use with an allowance for a specific use permit in both Multiple Family Districts as well as Agricultural District, and setting the parking requirements for such a use to one space for every three hundred square feet of pedestrian circulation and display area. City staff is finalizing some documents and is looking to bring an action item to the next P&Z meeting on May 20th and then through City Council.

Commissioner Josh Langham asked if city staff will place restrictions on the actual sculptures.

Mr. Balzen replied that restrictions will not be placed on the sculptures; however, specific use permits associated with this use type would still require a site plan.

Commissioner Noah Dawson wanted to clarify that no changes are being proposed to the "art gallery or museum" indoor requirements.

Mr. Balzen replied that there was a slight change in the wording of the definition for the allowance of privately funded entities.

Vice Chairman Fred Griffin asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak on the item.

Andy Meroney, resident of Amarillo who is helping set up the Bug Ranch, stated that they are having a tremendous show of support from people from all over for the project.

Vice Chairman Griffin asked about the proposed location.

Mr. Meroney replied that it will be in front of the Big Texan RV Park along the access road of the interstate. The Bug Ranch used to be located in Conway, and they are rescuing a part of history.

Commissioner Dawson asked what the area was currently zoned.

Mr. Balzen replied that it is zoned light commercial.

Commissioner Dawson stated that he believes it makes sense to specify this use type separately than an indoor facility for clarity.

Brady Wilson, West Texas A&M student helping with the restoration of the Bug Ranch, expressed his support for the project, stating that he got involved with the Route 66 Association about a year ago and thinks this project will help boost the economy.

Commissioner Langham asked if their intention is to allow spray paint similar to Cadillac Ranch.

Mr. Wilson stated that the intent is to be similar to Cadillac Ranch. They will be encouraging people to spray paint only the cars.

Cesar Mejia, resident of Amarillo, identified that he will be building the Bug Ranch. He stated that he believes this will help put Amarillo once again on the map and draw in tourism. Amarillo's art scene and its support for local artists speaks highly of Amarillo's culture.

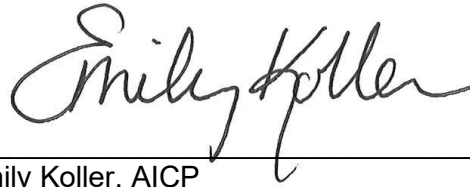
Commissioner Langham asked if they planned to light the area up at night.

Mr. Mejia confirmed, stating that a gazebo in the middle will have flood lights and the cars will likely have lights shining directly on them. It will be visible from I-40, and it will be handicap accessible.

Mr. Balzen recapped that this is a discussion item today to see if the board had any changes to the draft ordinance that was presented by Staff and that it will be an action item at the next P&Z meeting.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Koller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Emily" and last name "Koller" clearly distinguishable. A horizontal line is drawn across the page, starting from the left and ending under the signature.

Emily Koller, AICP
Director of Planning