

Abilene Planning Commission Minutes
Abilene Public Library
209 NW 4th St., Abilene, KS
September 7, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.



1. Call to Order by Chair Marshall

2. Roll Call

Planning Commissioners Present: Chair Bill Marshall, Vice Chair Brenda Finn Bowers, Rod Boyd, Travis Sawyer, Diana Miller, Helen Rose

Absent: Matt Mead

Staff Present: City Manager Ron Marsh, Community Development Director Kari Zook, Administrative Assistant Kelsey Briand

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Boyd to approve the agenda, seconded by Sawyer. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

4. Minutes

Motion by Sawyer to approve the July 6, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Finn Bowers. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Business

5. Public hearing for a concurrent submission of a preliminary and final replat for Golden Belt Heights East housing development.

The staff report was presented to the commissioners regarding the changes that were made from the original plat of the East Highlands. The official name change to Golden Belt Heights East, block numbers shifting with the removal of the north end street labeled Highland Circle/Oakmont St., and a pocket park has been added to Tract B of Block 3. The public hearing was opened at 4:06 p.m. Comments and inquiries received from the public included the status update on a previously proposed roundabout on NW 14th St and Van Buren, beehive removal from the pumphouse located in Golden Belt Heights East, new housing pricing, fencing, and HOA covenants. The public hearing was closed at 4:13 p.m.

Commissioners and the City Manager made comments regarding whether the streets could be wider when new infrastructure is needed to move forward with lot sales and the RHID. There were also comments inquiring if there are any current agricultural land leases within the Golden Belt Heights housing developments. Motion by Finn Bowers to recommend approval of the final replat as presented, seconded by Boyd. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

6. Planning Commission Comments and Staff Updates

There will be a Planning Commission meeting on October 4, 2022 with a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting immediately following. On the agendas will be a lot split and variance request.

Staff are working with two entities who will be applying for alley vacations in the near future.

The Golden Belt Heights West replat will be presented in the near future.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Finn Bowers to adjourn, seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

ATTEST:



Kari Zook

Community Development Director



Bill Marshall, Chair

Brenda Finn Bowers, Vice Chair