

Tropic Town Planning Commission Meeting
Held Thursday, February 4, 2016
Tropic Town Heritage Center at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dan Cloud, Dennis Pollock, Riley Roberts, Marie Niemann

OTHERS: Kevin Poe

CALL TO ORDER: Dan Cloud

MINUTES: A motion was made by Dan Cloud to approve the January 7, 2016 Minutes – Second by Riley Roberts- Motion carried.

Dark Ranger Telescope Tours: Kevin Poe presented further development for his night sky viewing. In review the zoning permitted uses, the activities he would like to have are not permitted and asked for modification to the permitted uses.

Kevin reported he would like to bring a port-a-potty, ticket booth, gift shop, etc. Also, would install a 4' x 8' sign. Dennis expressed concern with the exchange of money and would be considered general commercial.

Commission discussed the concerns expressed by residents on 550 North in July 2015; increase traffic, buses, speeding, no notification, improper zoning, etc. Discussed rezoning, has be spoken with Mr. Kennedy, currently the property is Agriculture and R-1-20; rezoning would take it out of Agriculture, which would raise taxes and Mr. Kennedy might likely pay back taxes for taking it out of green belt. It could be rezoned to Residential Recreation Commercial; but it would be spot zoning.

Discussed procedures on rezoning: Public Hearing to re-zoning, fee is \$100; His expense of notification to newspaper, neighbors and adjoining land owners. Commission is not against his project; his project is just what is needed for evening and nighttime activities.

Items need to be addressed: Zoning – Kevin was asked to discuss with Mr. Kennedy regarding removing the 5-acres out of greenbelt and possible penalties for doing so; Spot zoning – putting it in RRC is spot zoning, need to refer to State code on this.

Brett Chynoweth: Not in attendance – would like to build a hay barn. Commission will follow up.

Adjourn

Approved this March 3, 2016
Marie H Niemann