

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
August 3, 2016**

A meeting of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson June Driskill in the Council Chambers of the new Town Hall at 174 S. Main Street at 7:30 PM on August 3, 2016. It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

A Kevin Belcher	P William Jones
P June Driskill	A Kenneth Bunch
P Ted Finney	P Rachel Thompson
P Clifford Hart	

Deputy Town Clerk Vicki Hunt and Town Manager Jack Hobbs, in his capacity as Secretary to the Commission, were present.

Minutes from the May 4, 2016 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried 5-0 according to the following:

Kevin Belcher	Absent	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Kenneth Bunch	Absent
Ted Finney	Aye	Rachel Thompson	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

Comprehensive Plan

After discussion and review of the structure and language of the first draft of the Town of Amherst 2016 Comprehensive Plan, the Commission determined that further updates and changes are necessary.

Sign Ordinance

A 2016 Analysis prepared by Signage Foundation, Inc., pertaining to the effects of *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* (576 U.S., June 2015), on sign ordinances and how cities and towns must comply with the Supreme Court ruling was distributed to the Commission. The Commission asked the Secretary to continue investigating the legalities of the Town's current ordinance.

Potential Zoning Ordinance Amendments

A list of potential zoning ordinance amendments was distributed to the Commission. The Commission agreed to hold discussions on the potential amendments at the next meeting.

Pedestrian Safety and Downtown Walkability Study Project

The Secretary invited the Commission to serve on the steering committee for the upcoming downtown pedestrian safety and walkability study project and to participate in the first "kickoff" meeting scheduled for 2:00 PM on August 26, 2016 in the Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM on a motion by Mrs. Hart that was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and carried 5-0 according to the following:

Kevin Belcher	Absent	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Kenneth Bunch	Absent
Ted Finney	Aye	Rachel Thompson	Aye
Clifford Hart	Aye		

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____