

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AND PUBLIC HEARING
August 2, 2023**

The Jasper Plan Commission met on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana’s Open Meeting Law.

CALL TO ORDER

President Paul Lorey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

	In person	By Zoom	Absent
President Paul Lorey	✓	—	—
Vice President Blake Krueger	✓	—	—
Secretary Dana Schnarr	✓	—	—
Josh Premuda	✓	—	—
Ann Shappard	✓	—	—
Greg Schnarr	—	—	✓
Lisa Schmidt	✓	—	—
Dan Buck	✓	—	—
Glen Pierce	✓	—	—
Kim Hagan	✓	—	—
City Engineer Chad Hurm	✓	—	—
Director of C.D./Planning Josh Gunselman	✓	—	—
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	✓	—	—

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the May 3, 2023, regular meeting were reviewed. Lisa Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes. Josh Premuda seconded it. Motion carried 10 -0.

STATEMENT

President Paul Lorey read the following statement. “We are now ready to begin the public hearing scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight’s meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight’s meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 2016-30, entitled “Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana, and its jurisdictional area” and any and all amendments thereto, and the City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan. Pursuant to Article VII, Sections 6 and 7 of the JPC rules of procedure, presentation by a Petitioner shall be limited to 15 minutes. The Call for remonstrators shall be limited to 20 minutes; with individuals limited to no more than 5 minutes at the President’s discretion. However, in any case involving the vacation of a plat or part thereof, every other owner of land in the plat shall be given an opportunity to comment on the petition. In such case, at the President’s discretion, each property owner may be limited to 3 minutes. Such time limits may be increased by majority vote of the board members present.”

NEW BUSINESS

D.O.R.A. (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) Zoning Review and Ordinance proposal

City Attorney Renee Kabrick stated that tonight's meeting was not a public hearing, rather a presentation. Ms. Kabrick introduced summer interns Drew O'Neal and Cameron Weisheit and explained they were in attendance to present D.O.R.A. (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area).

Mr. O'Neal reported that the new D.O.R.A. laws that are being introduced at the state level will require the Plan Commission's approval of the D.O.R.A. Resolution. D.O.R.A. is consistent with the City of Jasper's zoning ordinances as well as the Unified Development Ordinance and is a public area where alcoholic beverages can be purchased in a designated cup from permitted establishments, carried, and consumed within the district. The Heart of Jasper has a goal to create an environment in the downtown Jasper area where people want to spend time, and it is believed that an increase in foot traffic will benefit local retailers and general public enjoyment. Mr. O'Neal noted the locations and operating hours are proposed to be Noon – 11:00 PM in designated areas.

Mr. Weisheit discussed proposed signage options to designate participating vendors as well as safety and sanitation plans for disposal of the D.O.R.A. cups. Mr. Weisheit reported that their research included conversations with Excise Police as well as Jasper City Police and extra patrols are not expected. Positive community impact findings from research conducted on Troy, Ohio's D.O.R.A. program were reviewed.

After further discussion, Dan Buck made a motion to approve Resolution NO. PC 2023-1 determining that establishment of a designated outdoor refreshment area and proposed map is consistent with the City of Jasper Zoning Unified Development Ordinance. Blake Krueger seconded the motion. Motion carried 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Chad Hurm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ann Shappard. The motion carried 10-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

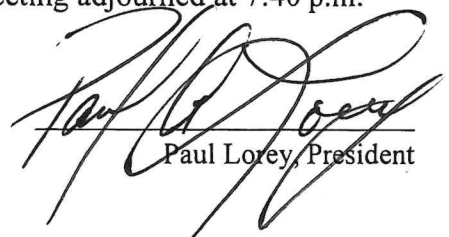
Attest:



Dana Schnarr, Secretary

DAN BUCK

Recording Secretary, Becki Moorman


Paul Lorey, President