

**Minutes  
Newton Planning Commission  
April 23, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Newton Planning Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on April 23, 2013 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**Members**

**Present:** Ken Simmons, Chairman  
Melinda Travis  
Donny Setzer  
Stan Gabriel  
Mark Stalnaker

**Members**

**Absent:** Jim Granny  
Jim Smith

**Staff Present:**

Alex Fulbright, AICP, Assistant Planning Director  
Sean Hovis, Assistant City Manager/ Planning Director

**Item 1: Call to Order**

**Chairman Simmons** called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Item 2: Consideration of Minutes of the March 26, 2013 Meeting**

**Chairman Simmons** asked for consideration of the minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting. **Chairman Simmons** ruled that the minutes were approved with corrections to the dates as mentioned.

**Item 3: Public Hearing**

**Street Renaming Request** as filed by Technibilt; the Applicant is seeking to rename East P Street located off Southwest Blvd. The proposed new name is Technibilt Drive.

**Chairman Simmons** recognized Assistant Planning Director Alex Fulbright who reviewed his memo highlighting the following:

Technibilt is requesting that East P Street be renamed to Technibilt Drive. Section 86-14 of Newton City Code, which is attached specifies the process for changing an existing street name. The request is signed by a representative of Technibilt and MJS Supply Company LLC, which indicates support of 84.1% of the lineal footage of East P Street. A public hearing is required to be held by both the Planning Commission and the Newton City Council.

The request indicates that renaming the street would facilitate visitors, vendors, and customers locating the site. A factor cited for confusion is that the East P Street is similar to a nearby street with the name East P Street Extension. Both of these streets are locations for the proposed southern section of the Newton-Conover Loop. This project is not currently funded and as a result. It is not expected that the project would be built any earlier than 15 years if at all.

Mr. Fulbright acknowledged that Michael Marks and Kim Abernathy were in the audience and that they were present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Marks presented a powerpoint presentation then he and Mrs. Abernathy answered questions from the planning commission. In addition, the planning commission discussed the appropriateness of the name "East P Street Extension".

**Chairman Simmons** closed the Public Hearing and asked Planning Commission to consider the item. After some discussion, **Mark Stalnaker** made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the request as submitted and that they consider changing East P Street Extension to East P Street. **Donny Setzer** seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

**Item 4: Old Business**

There was no old business.

**Item 5: New Business**

**Business Advisory Committee Objectives – John Stiver**

**Chairman Simmons** recognized **John Stiver**, Chair of the City of Newton Business Advisory Board. Mr. Stiver spoke about the work of the Business Advisory Board.

**East 19<sup>th</sup> Street Corrective Rezoning**

Chairmen Simmons recognized Mr. Fulbright. Mr. Fulbright mentioned that planning staff is working with the residents in the East 19<sup>th</sup> Street Area to correct the zoning in that area. He stated that staff would invite the property owners of that area to the May Planning Commission to hear their input on the potential corrective rezoning.

**Item 6: Monthly Reports**

**Chairman Simmons** recognized **Mr. Fulbright**, who reviewed the monthly reports. .

**Item 7: Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Fulbright, AICP  
Recording Secretary