

NEW CASTLE PLAN COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Ed Hill, President
 Don Criswell, Voting Member
 Larry Abrams, Voting Member
 Peggy Manor, Voting Member
 Joel Harvey, Attorney
 Janet Davis, Clerk
 Kelly Allen, Clerk

Absent: Dave Barker, Vice President
 Kenny Melton, Voting Member
 Lynn Perdue, Voting Member

Also attending: Tony Saunders

The New Castle Plan Commission met on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, in the City Council Chambers. President Ed Hill called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. The President then asked if the members had read the minutes from the July 16, 2025 meeting. When all agreed they had, Larry Abrams made a motion to approve the minutes, with second made by Peggy Manor. The motion passed unanimously by those members in attendance without discussion.

President Hill then introduced the only item on the agenda, PC-5-25, made by Turning Point Life Center Inc, 2916 South 14th Street, New Castle; requesting a zone map amendment (rezoning) at 2263 Indiana Avenue, New Castle; from R2 single- and two-family residential zoning to C1 commercial zoning.

Tony Saunders, the attorney representing the applicant, approached the board, telling them that when the application was made to request a change of zoning, the church was looking to make the property more marketable as a C1 commercial zoning. They are currently under a purchase agreement with another church, which would not require a zoning amendment. Although a contract was signed, the purchase was not yet locked in, so he requested to have this application tabled until next month's meeting. If the transaction progressed and the sale closed, this application would be withdrawn.

Joel Harvey weighed in, stating he believed this was an appropriate request, given the pending sale of the property to another church that would not require a zoning amendment. The board could table this request. Peggy Manor made a motion to table the request; second was made by Larry Abrams. Peggy Manor then inquired if a closing date had been scheduled, and was informed by Mr. Saunders that it had not. Don Criswell then confirmed the next scheduled meeting date was Wednesday, December 17, 2025. Janet Davis then advised those in attendance that they were welcome to contact the office of the Building Commissioner to confirm the status of this request, should the board table it to the December meeting.

President Hill then conducted a voice vote, and the motion to table the request passed unanimously by those members in attendance.

With no additional business before the Commission, Larry Abrams made a motion to adjourn, second by Peggy Manor. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenny Melton", is written over a horizontal line.

Kenny Melton
New Castle Plan Commission