

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE
POINTE WOODS HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1999, IN THE CONFERENCE
ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE
WOODS, MICHIGAN

PRESENT: Chair Sucher
 Member Dickinson
 Member Granger
 Member Steiner
 Member Guaresimo
 Member Vitale

ABSENT: Member Gilezan

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant to City Administrator Donnan
 Planning Commissioner Frederick
 Recording Secretary Wohlfield

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sucher at 9:20 p.m.

The only agenda item concerned the Municipal Master Plan. All Committee members were presented with a two-page preliminary Invitation to Submit A Request for Proposal which was prepared by Assistant to the City Administrator Donnan after meeting with Planning Committee members Granger and Sucher.

Member Frederick voiced his recollection of past efforts to establish a master plan and a City planner.

Member Granger reported regarding recent efforts to effectuate the enactment of a master plan and hiring of a City planner. To that end a Request for Qualifications was submitted to 18-20 firms, receiving responses from 12 of those firms. After a meeting Friday morning, August 6, 1999, Ms. Donnan and Committee Members Granger and Sucher reviewed the responses and reduced the number to five prospective firms.

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Committee discussion included the prospect of establishing a forward-looking master plan that would envision the impact of outside forces such as how General Motors moving downtown might affect Grosse Pointe Woods as it relates to real estate and City Airport expansion, St. John Hospital expansion affecting traffic patterns, as well as being prepared for the possibility of a tract of land such as the Hunt Club or Masonic Temple becoming available for development.

It was pointed out that individual home sites are already being impacted by the desire for City housing stock meeting today's demands for expansion, and the need to determine whether current zoning ordinances are out-dated and in need of revision.

Some Committee ideas to be considered included:

1. Review determinants for granting of building licenses;
2. Façade improvement requests should include adjacent buildings;
3. Inventory of playground structures;
4. Review of housing stock, rental ordinance, property maintenance code;
5. Hold visioning sessions.

Assistant to City Administrator Donnan will incorporate items discussed into to Invitation To Submit A Request For Proposal, mail to Committee Members by August 13th and to all Planning Commissioners for review and discussion under New Business at the regular Planning Commission meeting of Tuesday, August 24, 1999, and to meet at 7:00 p.m. prior to Planning Commission meeting for update.

Motion by Granger, supported by Vitale, that having no further business to conduct, the Planning Committee adjourn at 10:04 p.m.

Shirley Wohlfield,
Recording Secretary

