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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chair Gilezan.

Roll Call: Chair Gilezan
Dickinson, Evola, Fuller, Hamborsky, Richardson, Vaughn

Absent: Vitale

Also Present: Building Official Tutag
Recording Secretary Babij Ryska

Also in Attendance: Council Member Ketels, Planning Commission Representative

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Evola, that Commission Member Vitale be excused from tonight's meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Dickinson, Evola, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Richardson, Vaughn
NO: None
ABSENT: Vitale

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Evola, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Dickinson, Evola, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Richardson, Vaughn
NO: None
ABSENT: Vitale

Chair Gilezan welcomed Council Member Ketels, as Planning Commission Representative for being in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Motion by Evola, seconded by Richardson, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Workshop and Regular Meeting minutes dated March 27, 2012 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Dickinson, Evola, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Richardson, Vaughn
NO: None
ABSENT: Vitale

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The next item on the agenda was the **Building Official's Monthly Report**. Mr. Tutag reported the following:

- Currently working on building inspections for annual business licenses.
- Meeting with representatives of The Rivers project tomorrow.
- Attended Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Committee last week. A number of issues were discussed.
 - Council Representative Ketels addressed the Commission outlining the topics discussed at the meeting. He stated that the City is still working with the County on a solution to streamline the permitting process and right of way issues. Also, the I.T. Department is working on a webpage designated for businesses in the community as well as an email system to easily relay information to businesses.

Commission Member Vaughn gave the **April 2012 Council Reports**:

- April 2nd meeting: First reading of the Ordinance to amend Chapter 50 to add Section 50-185, Prohibited Uses, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Council also referred the proposed Solar Energy Ordinance to the Committee of the Whole.
- April 16th meeting: During public comment, residents inquired about the possible Headlee override. Council Representative Ketels stated that nothing is final yet and if the Council decides to go for a Headlee override it would be on the November ballot for voters to decide.

Commission Member Vitale is scheduled to attend the May Council Meetings.

The following **Sub-Committee Reports** were provided:

2020 Plan – Commission Member Hamborsky stated that the Sub-Committee had an excellent and productive meeting on Saturday. They discussed some physical improvements they would like to see on Mack Avenue as well as some solutions to current issues. The Sub-Committee will hold a couple more meetings before making a presentation to the Planning Commission in Fall.

Special Sign Ordinance – Commission Member Vaughn stated the Sub-Committee will have a meeting next Saturday and will report to the Commission next month.

Hearing no objections, under New Business the following items were addressed:

- Commission Member Dickinson stated that there are a number of highly qualified applicants for the Planning Commission vacancy, he will take this as an opportunity to submit his resignation, and Council will appoint two new members.

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- Commission Member Dickinson stated that he is a member of the Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee for Grosse Pointe North High School. The Committee has chosen to honor six alumni, who demonstrate commendable achievements and contributions, on May 14, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. at the High School. This is the first ceremony of its kind and Mr. Dickinson encourages attendance.
- Chair Gilezan took a moment to recognize and thank Commission Member Dickinson for his many years of model service to this community. Mr. Dickinson has made a great impact on many people and he is wished the best of luck.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Evola, to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:06 p.m.
Passed unanimously.