

PLANNING COMMISSION
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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chair Vaughn.

Roll Call: Chair Vaughn
Dickinson, Fuller, Gilezan (7:38 pm), Hamborsky, Richardson, Vitale

Absent: Evola

Also Present: Building Official Tutag
Recording Secretary Babij Ryska

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Vitale, that Commission Members Evola and Gilezan be excused from tonight's meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Dickinson, Fuller, Hamborsky, Richardson, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Evola, Gilezan

The Commission, Administration, and audience Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Fuller, 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, Fuller, Hamborsky, Richardson, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Evola, Gilezan

Chair Vaughn welcomed Council Member Ketels, as Planning Commission Representative.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Fuller, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated September 27, 2011 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Dickinson, Fuller, Hamborsky, Richardson, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Evola, Gilezan

The first item on the agenda was **Discussion: Solar Panels**. Building Official Tutag provided multiple ordinances relating to the topic from various municipalities. He began the discussion by indicating that small wind and solar renewable energy systems are becoming more prevalent.

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To be proactive, it is advisable that the city establish regulations that would accommodate this trend while preserving the aesthetics and safety of the community. Discussion among the Commission Members ensued and it was determined that Building Official Tutag will draft an ordinance for the Commission's review.

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

- The Presidential Primary Election falls on the same day as the February 28, 2012 Planning Commission meeting.
 - The Planning Commission unanimously agreed to **change the meeting to February 29, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.**
- Received plans for University Liggett project, they will be starting soon.
- The Rivers project is slated to begin early 2012.
- There are a number of new businesses moving in on Mack Ave.

Commission Member Dickinson gave the **Council Report**:

October 3, 2011

- Nothing to report pertaining to the Planning Commission.

October 17, 2011

- Nothing to report pertaining to the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Evola will attend the Council meetings in November.

The following **Subcommittee Reports** were provided:

- **2020 Plan** – Nothing to report.
- **Special Sign Ordinance** – Nothing to report.

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

- Commission Member Dickinson voiced concern that the owner of the Lakeshore Mammography building removed the boulders and landscaping and replaced it with pavement. He recalled when efforts were made to remove pavement to put trees and landscaping along Mack Ave. Building Official Tutag reminded the Commission that the rights of way on Mack Ave. are governed by Wayne County, so the City has little control over them.

Motion by Gilezan, seconded by Hamborsky, to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:55 p.m. Passed unanimously.