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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chair Vaughn.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Building Official Tutag  
Recording Secretary Babij Ryska

Also in Attendance: Council Member Ketels, Planning Commission Representative

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

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Dickinson, 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, Vitale  
NO: None  
ABSENT: None

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

Motion by Evola, seconded by Richardson, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated August 23, 2011 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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

- Permit activity remains steady. There are a lot of remodeling jobs and a few built-in pools over the summer. People are investing in their homes.
- The Rivers project is still on track with getting their State permits. People have already expressed interest in the new units.

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- The Cook Rd property is being checked periodically for wild life and other nuisances.

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

**September 12, 2011**

- Nothing to report pertaining to the Planning Commission.

**September 19, 2011**

- Council mentioned possible legislation that would give local governments authority to approve School Site Plans.

The following **Subcommittee Reports** were provided:

- **2020 Plan** – Commission Member Hamborsky stated that the subcommittee met and discussed some conceptual designs to improve Mack Ave and Vernier. They plan on meeting once a month.
- **Business & Development** – Commission Member Evola indicated that the members are in favor of disbanding the subcommittee at this time.

Motion by Evola, seconded by Dickinson, to disband the **Business & Development Subcommittee**.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

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

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

- At a workshop prior to tonight's meeting, consensus of the Commission was to recommend no changes to Section 50-370(2)(h), pertaining to used and secondhand goods. The Commission discussed the draft memo to Council, distributed at the workshop.

Motion by Vitale, seconded by Fuller, to open discussion to review 50-370(2)(h) of the Code pertaining to used and secondhand goods.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

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Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Richardson, that the Planning Commission recommend to Council that no changes be made to **Section 50.370(2)(h)** of the City Code regarding used and secondhand goods and approve the memo subject to Planning Commission Chair, Building Official, and City Attorney approval and forward the memo to the City Council.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

- Chair Vaughn inquired as to what might be seen on future Planning Commission agendas. Building Official Tutag recommended discussing solar and wind power regulations in the near future. The Commission agreed that this is viable topic.
- Commission Member Hamborsky asked if any developers have expressed interest in the Mixed Use Ordinance. Building Official Tutag informed the Commission that there has not been any inquiries, however, as the economy stabilizes there will likely be an interest.
- Chair Vaughn stated that the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation held a fundraiser and is requesting suggestions on how to utilize the funds. Some members of the Foundation are interested in public art. Building Official Tutag recommended a tasteful electronic changeable sign that announces upcoming community events either at Vernier and Mack or in front of City Hall.

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