

PLANNING COMMISSION
05/24/11 – 020

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

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

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

Absent: Nederhood, Vitale

Also Present: Building Official Tutag
City Attorney C. Berschback
Recording Secretary Babij Ryska

Also in Attendance: Council Member Ketels, Planning Commission Representative
Council Member Sucher

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

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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

Motion by Evola, 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
NO: None
ABSENT: Nederhood, Vitale

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

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Motion by Richardson, seconded by Evola, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated April 26, 2011 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The next item on the agenda was **Schedule a Public Hearing: University Liggett School Renovations, 1045 Cook Road**. Building Official Tutag recommended that a public hearing be scheduled for June 28, 2011, at which time the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to City Council.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Fuller, that the Planning commission schedule a **Public Hearing: University Liggett School Renovations, 1045 Cook Road for June 28, 2011**.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The next item on the agenda was **Discussion: 2011/2012 Capital Improvement Program**. Building Official Tutag relayed to the Planning Commission that due to budgetary constraints, there are no Capital Improvements scheduled for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.

Motion by Gilezan, seconded by Dickinson, that the Planning commission accept the **2011/2012 Capital Improvement Program** report and forward it to Council for final adoption.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The next item on the agenda was **Discussion: Consignment Businesses in Grosse Pointe Woods**. Building Official Tutag gave an overview of Section 50-370(2)(h) regarding regulations of a consignment business and does not recommend any changes.

Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Fuller, that the Planning Commission recommend to Council that no changes be made to **Section 50.370(2)(h)** of the City Code regarding **consignment businesses**.

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MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Nederhood, Vitale

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

- Vacancy rate on Mack is slightly over 7%, which is good in these economic times.
- A neighborhood pub is interested in opening on Mack.
- Bow Wow Bake Shoppe is now open for business.
- Precisions Blades will open soon.
- Building Department is handling numerous complaints of high grass which is due to the rainy season.
- Homes sales in the City have increased.
- Permits for home improvement projects have increased.
- Code Enforcement is working in conjunction with Public Safety and is now issuing tickets to illegally parked landscaping vehicles.

Commission Member Hamborsky gave the **May 2, 2011 Council Report**:

- Nothing to report concerning the Planning Commission.

In Commission Member Hamborsky's absence, Building Official Tutag gave the **May 16, 2011 Council Report**:

- A fence variance was issued to 1780 Broadstone.

The following **Subcommittee Reports** were provided:

- **2020 Plan** – Commission Member Hamborsky stated that the subcommittee has not yet met and has nothing to report.
- **Business & Development** – Nothing to report.
- **Special Sign Ordinance** – Chair Vaughn stated that the subcommittee met before tonight's meeting and will reconvene after. A proposed study group will likely consist of 7 members: 2 Planning Commission members; 2 Residents; and 3 Business Owners. The subcommittee will report back at the June meeting.

There was no additional **New Business** to report.

Motion by Evola, seconded by Richardson, to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:03 p.m. Passed unanimously.