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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Chair Vaughn.

Roll Call: Chair Vaughn

Dickinson, Fuller, Hamborsky, Nederhood, Richardson, Vitale

Absent: Evola, Gilezan

Also Present: Building Official Tutag

City Attorney C. Berschback Recording Secretary Babij Ryska

Also in attendance: Council Member Ketels

Council Member Granger

George McMullen, Board of Review

Motion by Fuller, 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, Nederhood, Richardson, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Evola, Gilezan

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

Motion by Vitale, 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, Fuller, Hamborsky, Nederhood, Richardson, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Evola, Gilezan

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Dickinson, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated January 25, 2011 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Evola, Gilezan

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The next item on the agenda was **Schedule a Public Hearing: Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), The Rivers of Grosse Pointe, 900 Cook Road**. Building Official Tutag recommended that the public hearing be scheduled for March 22, 2011, at which time the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to City Council.

Motion by Hamborsky, seconded by Vitale, that the Planning commission **Schedule a Public Hearing for the proposed Continuing Care Retire Community (CCRC), The Rivers of Grosse Pointe**, 900 Cook Road for **March 22, 2011**.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Evola, Gilezan

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

- Construction permit activity is picking up.
- Have new business interests for Mack Ave that will be applying soon.

Commission Member Evola is scheduled to report on the **February 2011 Council** meetings in March.

- Council Member Granger stated that Kevin Ketels was appointed to the vacant Council seat at the February 7, 2011 meeting.
- Chair Vaughn stated that on February 21, 2011 the Committee-of-the-Whole recommended that Council repeal the Neon Sign Prohibition from the Sign Ordinance. This item will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

Commission Member Fuller will attend the March Council meetings.

Under **New Business**, the following **Sub-committee Reports** were provided:

- **2020 Plan** Commission Member Hamborsky stated that the sub-committee will need to hold a series of meetings to discuss the following:
 - Zoning/master concept what are some achievable goals in the coming months and years.
 - Physical improvements in common/public areas such as, streetscape, cross walks, lighting, and alleys. Possible funding for these improvements, such as a DDA, TIFF, and communicating with the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation.
 - o LEEDs program and possible community involvement.

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• **Business & Development** – Commission Member Nederhood stated that the sub-committee met with the Administrator to discuss ways to better communicate with businesses. The sub-committee will also meet with the Chamber of Commerce in March.

Motion by Hamborsky, seconded by Vitale, to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:45 p.m. Passed unanimously.