

PLANNING COMMISSION
10/26/10 – 045

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010, 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 Fuller.

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

Absent: Nederhood

Also Present: Building Official Tutag
Recording Secretary Babij Ryska

Attendance: Council Member Boddy

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

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Motion by Evola, seconded by Vaughn, 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: Nederhood

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

Motion by Evola, seconded by Vitale, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated September 28, 2010 be approved as submitted.

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MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Nederhood

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

- Children's Home Project is moving along, the developers are meeting with staff to discuss making a formal submission.
- Cataloging neon signs, will send a final letter and businesses will have 48 hours to remove signs or receive a citation.
- Almost 100% functional with the provisions of the foreclosure ordinance.

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

October 4, 2010

- The Zoning Ordinance amendment to allow a Continuing Care Retirement Community was approved.

October 18, 2010

- The AT&T Cell Tower proposal was denied.

Commission Member Vaughn will attend the Council meetings in November.

The following **Subcommittee Reports** were provided:

2020 Plan (*Fuller/ Gilezan/ Hamborsky/ Vitale*) – Commission Member Hamborsky stated that at the subcommittee meeting they discussed ways to promote commercial development within the City. However, they do not want to focus on the same issues as the Business & Development Subcommittee so it might be advisable to have a joint subcommittee meeting.

Business & Development (*Evola/ Nederhood/ Richardson/ Vaughn*) – Commission Member Vaughn reported that the subcommittee met with local Realtors regarding ways to make the City more appealing to new buyers. They discussed three main concerns: 1) the receptiveness of Realtors in general; 2) proximity to other communities and how that is perceived; and 3) perception of the quality of the schools in the City. The subcommittee also met with Administration to discuss the issues. Commission Member Nederhood is still trying to schedule a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce.

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Under **New Business**, discussion of neon sign appeals ensued. At this point there are three appeal applications. It is likely they will be addressed at the next regular Planning Commission meeting in November.

Motion by Evola, seconded by Gilezan, to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:25 p.m. Passed unanimously.