

PLANNING COMMISSION
07/28/09 – 025

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009, IN THE CONFERENCE 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 Vitale.

Roll Call: Chair Vitale
Evola, Fuller, Hamborsky, Nederhood, Vaughn

Absent: Gilezan, Richardson

Also Present: Building Official Tutag
Recording Secretary Babij

Also in
Attendance: Council Member Sucher, PC Representative

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

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Evola, 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: Evola, Fuller, Hamborsky, Nederhood, Vaughn, Vitale
NO: None
ABSENT: Gilezan, Richardson

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

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Motion by Evola, seconded by Fuller, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated June 23, 2009 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Motion by Evola, seconded by Vaughn, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Workshop Meeting minutes dated June 23, 2009 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

The first item on the agenda was a video **training presentation**, Introduction to the Planning Commission, by the American Planning Association. Building Official Tutag indicated that session three of the presentation was approximately thirty minutes.

Discussion ensued regarding the video. The Commission agreed that the training is beneficial and agreed to view the second CD in the series.

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

- Plans have been submitted for the Mack & Lochmoor project that was introduced at the last meeting, however, the plans do not meet requirements.
- There are no plans yet for Children's Home. Discussion ensued regarding zoning of the property. Chair Vitale called for a Workshop Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 25, 2009 to discuss the matter further.
- Foreclosed homes continue to be bought and refurbished.
- Da Edoardos may purchase the adjacent property for outdoor dining and parking.
- Dr. Stonisch may request a rezoning of her property for a new tenant at 20040 Mack Ave.

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Council Member Sucher gave the **July 2009 Council Report:**

- First Reading of Ordinance to amend Chapter 38, Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places by adding Article VII, Sections 38-190 – 39-200 to authorize the declaration of snow emergencies.
- A water rate increase is coming down the pipeline.
- Stimulus funding for the water tower did not come through, the City is looking at alternate funding. The tower may not be done until next summer.

The following **Subcommittee Reports** were provided:

Dumpster Evaluation (*Evola/Ismail/Vitale*) – Nothing to report.

2020 Plan (*Hamborsky/Ismail/Vitale*) – Nothing to report.

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

- Building Official Tutag stated that there has been talk about building a cell tower at the DPW yard. A meeting with appropriate Department Heads will take place to discuss possible revenue.
- Discussion ensued regarding a resolution for Ahmed Ismail for his service on the Commission.
- Discussion ensued regarding the vacancy on the Commission as a result of Mr. Ismail's resignation.
- Council Member Sucher suggested that the Planning Commission hold annual meetings, one with the Mack Avenue Study Group, and one with the Department of Public Safety regarding issues that could impact future development within the City.
- Commission Member Hamborsky suggested the possibility of forming a Downtown Development Authority to assist developers.

Motion by Evola, seconded by Fuller, to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:59 p.m. Passed unanimously.