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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008, 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 Evola.

Roll Call: Chair Evola
Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ismail, Vaughn, Vitale

Absent: Richardson, Zolik

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

Also in Attendance: Council Member Sucher, PC Representative
Council Member Granger

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Hamborsky, that Planning Commission Members Richardson and Zolik be excused from tonight's meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Evola, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ismail, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Richardson, Zolik

Motion by Vitale, seconded by Ismail, 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, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ismail, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Richardson, Zolik

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

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Motion by Fuller, seconded by Vitale, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission Workshop minutes dated September 23, 2008 be approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Evola, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ismail, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Richardson, Zolik

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Vitale, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the Planning Commission minutes dated September 23, 2008 be approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Evola, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ismail, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Richardson, Zolik

The next item on the agenda was a request for a **Change the Existing Ground Sign for Replacement Reader Board with Digital: Christ The King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave.**

Motion by Ismail, seconded by Fuller, that the Planning Commission **approve** the sign permit application submitted by **Christ The King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., to Change the Existing Ground Sign for Replacement Reader Board with Digital** and recommend that Council grant a variance of Section 32-12(b)(1) for the alteration of a non-conforming sign.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Evola, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ismail, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Richardson, Zolik

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Vitale, that the Planning Commission **Immediately Certify** the **Motion Regarding Change the Existing Ground Sign for Replacement Reader Board with Digital: Christ The King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave.**

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

YES: Evola, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Ismail, Vaughn, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: Richardson, Zolik

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The next item on the agenda was a **Continued Discussion: Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA)**. Assistant City Attorney C. Berschback outlined suggested changes to the Rules of Order for the Planning Commission to come into compliance with the MPEA. Discussion ensued among Commission Members and it was suggested that a Workshop be planned to further discuss the matter.

Chair Evola called a Workshop Meeting for the purpose of discussing the suggested changes to the Planning Commission Rules of Order to come into compliance the MPEA on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

The next item on the agenda was a **Discussion: Open Meetings Act**. Assistant City Attorney C. Berschback gave clarification on what discussions or methods of discussions are subject the Open Meetings Act. Discussion ensued among Commission Members.

The next item on the agenda was a **Discussion: Planning Commission Member Attendance at Planning Commission/City Council Meeting – Absences/Substitutes**. Chair Evola reminded Commission Members that if they are not able to attend their scheduled Council meetings they must find their own replacement. A line item will be added to the agenda as a reminder for the Planning Commission Representative to attend Council meetings the following month.

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

- 89 houses in the City are in some type of foreclosure process.
 - Violations are issued to those who do not keep the property up to code.
 - Thanks to Sue Stewart and John Prieur for their hard work on the project.
- Landscaping on Mack Ave, Girlie Girl, and Kroger projects are underway.
- Looking into getting legislation passed to change the way money is divvied up to cities in school district for inspections.
- Dr. Quinn took over Sweeny's on Mack Ave.

The next item on tonight's agenda was concerning **October Council Report**:

Council Member Sucher reported the following:

- The 2008 Audit has been delayed and will start in November 2008.

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- Dee Ann Irby was appointed as the Acting City Administrator in the absence of the City Administrator.
- Planning Commission Representatives at Council meetings is necessary when questions arise.

There were no new items to be discussed under **New Business**.

The following **Subcommittee Reports** were provided:

Dumpster Evaluation (*Evola/Hamborsky/Ismail/Vitale*) – Building Official Tutag he spoke to someone regarding what the City wants. He will set up a meeting in the near future.

2020 Plan (*Hamborsky/Ismail/Vitale*) – Commission Member Hamborsky is waiting to hear feedback from Council regarding the Plan.

Motion by Ismail, seconded by Vitale, to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 9:34 p.m. Passed unanimously.