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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON **MAY 27, 2008** IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chair Evola.

Roll Call: Chair Evola
Commissioners: Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Richardson,
Vaughn (8:17 p.m.), Vitale
Absent: Commissioners: Ismail, Zolik

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

Also in Attendance: Council Member Sucher, Planning Commission Rep.

Motion by Gilezan, seconded by Vitale, that Planning Commission Members Ismail, Vaughn, and Zolik be excused from tonight's meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Motion by Vitale, seconded by Fuller, 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, Richardson, Vitale
NO: None
ABSENT: Ismail, Vaughn, Zolik

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

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Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Gilezan, regarding **Approval of Minutes**, that the regular Planning Commission minutes of **April 22, 2008** be APPROVED as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Ismail, Vaughn, Zolik

The Chair requested the Recording Secretary Babij introduce herself to the commission.

The Chair Introduced **Alex Hritcu**, a graduate student from Wayne State University, who gave a presentation on a proposed Boutique Hotel in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Hritcu had submitted a handout prior to the meeting entitled "Boutique Hotel Development". Hearing no objection, a handout was also placed on file.

A question and answer session ensued between the Commission and Mr. Hritcu.

The next item on the agenda was the Rescheduling of the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Amendment to Chapter 50, Zoning.

Motion by Gilezan, seconded by Vitale, to **Reschedule the Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 50, Zoning**, for Monday, **June 30, 2008** at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Ismail, Zolik

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

- The City is in good shape regarding foreclosures in our area. We only have approximately 40 – 60 in our community. We have also had an increase in the sale of foreclosures.

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- Code Enforcement continues to increase efforts on Mack Ave.
- The plan approval granted to Goodis Endodontics Specialists has expired.

Commission Member Hamborsky gave the **May Council Report**.

The following **Subcommittee Reports** were provided:

Dumpster Evaluation (*Evola/Hamborsky/Ismail/Vitale*) – Building Official Tutag gave a brief overview of what happened at the last meeting. He will send Chair Evola's notes from that meeting to the rest of the Commission. Building Official Tutag stated that Waste Management has procured portions of Rizzo. Discussion ensued regarding the commercial dumpsters used by businesses.

2020 Plan (*Hamborsky/Ismail/Vitale*) – Commission Member Hamborsky reviewed and handed out notes from the last meeting to the Commission. Hearing no objection, the handout was placed on file. He requested that all members review the notes and give input.

Under New Business, and hearing no objections, the following items were discussed:

- Chair Evola, on behalf of the Commission, expressed thanks and appreciation to Sue Stewart for her service to the Commission.
- Commission Member Hamborsky suggested the Commission have a meeting with Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) to discuss mixed use zoning. It was determined that a prioritized list must be made prior to meeting with COW. Commission Member Vitale stated that the first priority item should be outdoor dining, Commission was in agreement. The City Attorney is going to talk to Administration about coordinating a meeting with COW. Council Member Sucher stated that he would bring the topic up under New Business at Council's June 2, 2008 meeting. Meanwhile, the Commission requested that the Building Official and City Attorney draft an ordinance regarding Outdoor Dining. A workshop regarding this matter was scheduled for June 24, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

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Motion by Gilezan, seconded by Vitale, to **ADJOURN** the Planning Commission meeting at 9:04 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Ismail, Zolik