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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON MAY 26, 2015 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Chair Vitale.

Roll Call: Chair Vitale  
Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Profeta, Stapleton

Absent: Rozycki, Vaughn

Also Present: Building Official Tutag  
Property Maintenance Inspector Ditty  
Deputy City Clerk Gerhart

The first item on the agenda was **Continued Discussion: Streetscape Objects**. The Chair provided an overview of the proposed streetscape choices, and how they will be incorporated into the City's design standard. The Building Official believes that this will be a great first step in improving the aesthetics of the community. Standardizing the streetscape will provide a range of options for business owners looking to improve the outside of their locations, while creating a cohesive look along Mack Avenue.

Property Maintenance Inspector Sean Ditty then presented two design options that complement each other, and fit with the City's design standard. The Commission preferred the idea of selecting one of the two designs to further reinforce the notion of a cohesive design standard. It was the consensus of the Commission to select the Northgate design option for benches and trash receptacles in black.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- The potential of replacing the current City-owned benches along Mack with the winning design; dependent upon the availability of funds. As of current there are approximately 39 trash receptacles and 12 City-owned benches along Mack Avenue;
- The color of the streetscape options and tying the color into other existing streetscape items, including street lights and bike racks;
- Other potential funding sources including the Beautification Commission and the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation;
- The potential for the City purchasing the benches and trash receptacles in bulk to reduce the cost to the business owners;
- Make streetscape options part of the conditional approval process for new businesses;
- The potential for incorporating the trolley stops into the design standard, including strategic placement of benches.

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The Commission directed the Building Official to gather a more comprehensive catalog of streetscape options, including fencing and planters. This proposed catalog should include a photo, a short description, and a current price per piece for each item. The Building Official is to present this catalog and information regarding the potential cost savings of bulk ordering at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Planning Commission Workshop was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Gerhart  
Deputy City Clerk