

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2009

A Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Yoder

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Linda Albee, Maureen Barry, Dave Crockett, Ray Fortier, Harlo Haines, Nathaniel Neider, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Eric Gustad (excused), Tony Slawinski

Others: James Matthews, Dave Carlson, Jon Rose (Community Development), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning) and Others

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Linda Albee that the Agenda be approved as prepared.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Albee, Crockett, Fortier, Haines, Yoder
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting of October 8, 2009

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Linda Albee that the minutes of the October 8, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting be approved.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 6 to 0

Yes: Barry, Albee, Crockett, Fortier, Haines, Yoder,
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

Chair Yoder tabled New Business until after Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

James Matthews - Mr. Matthews is looking at purchasing the building at 334, 336, 338 River Street. He discussed issues with the property and that he will be applying for a Special Use Permit for Mixed Use. He would like to re-install the former garage door for a personal garage with living space in the back of the building. He is discussing with the Historic District Commission his desire to remove a portion of the back of the building. He has a purchase agreement that runs until the end of November and will be asking for an extension until after the December Planning Commission Meeting. He showed a conceptual image of his proposal.

Dave Carlson - Mr. Carlson is the listing agent for the building and is a member of the DDA and Historic District Commission. Mr. Carlson noted there are some concerns from the Historic District but likes the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Goals/Priorities 2010

Before the Commission discussed Goals/Priorities for 2010. Staff noted that there are no items at this time for the November worksession.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Dave Crockett to cancel the November 19, 2009 Planning Commission Worksession.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

Yes: Yoder, Haines, Fortier, Crockett, Albee, Barry

No: None

Commissioner Neider entered the meeting.

Each Commissioner was asked to review their committee assignments and list items that are outstanding for discussion at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF REPORT:

Denise Blakeslee reminded members that the last workshop will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 for those that signed up.

MEMBERS DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Crockett asked if Mr. Matthews will be able to get his request in on time for the December Meeting?

Jon Rose said that it has to be in by Monday, November 9th to be placed on the agenda.

Commissioner Albee noted that the Blossom Boulevard Committee are restructuring and looking for volunteers for next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Maureen Barry that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary