

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2010

A Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

The Commission welcomed new member Bill Dean who was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Commission. Commissioner Slawinski decided not to reapply to the Planning Commission after 33 years of service. Marlene McBride was appointed to his position and will take her seat on the Planning Commission at the November meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Yoder

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Linda Albee, Maureen Barry, Dave Crockett, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Nathaniel Neider, Tony Slawinski, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Eric Gustad

Others: Cyndy Fuller, Steve Harold (Manistee County Historical Museum), 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 8 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Neider, Albee, Crockett, Fortier, Dean, Slawinski, Yoder

No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting of September 2, 2010

MOTION by Dave Crockett, seconded by Linda Albee that the minutes of the September 2, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting be approved with correction as follows:

~~Commissioner Crockett expressed his displeasure with the way the matter was handled.~~

During a lengthy discussion a number of members expressed their displeasure with the way the matter was handled.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 8 to 0.

Yes: Slawinski, Dean, Fortier, Crockett, Albee, Neider, Barry, Yoder
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Robert Mattice, 422 First Street - Site Plan Review PC-2010-11

Dr. Mattice purchased the building at 422 First Street to relocate his Dental Office. The plan includes a new 657 sq. ft. addition. Site Plan Review is required by the Planning Commission.

Jon Rose spoke to the commission about the request and answered questions.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Tony Slawinski to approved the request from Dr. Robert Mattice, 422 First Street for Site Plan Review of request #PC-2010-11 as submitted with plan from Abonmarche Job#10-0265.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 8 to 0.

Yes: Fortier, Albee, Neider, Dean, Slawinski, Crockett, Barry, Yoder
No: None

Manistee County Historical Museum - Historic Exhibit

Commissioner Fortier declared a conflict of interest.

Steve Harold spoke to the Commission about the Manistee County Historical Museum has a new Historic Exhibit; a half scale cross section model of a schooner built on the banks of the Manistee River in 1856. The proposed location is east of the Manistee Municipal Marina building. Mr. Harold answered questions from the commissioners.

MOTION by Dave Crockett, seconded by Linda Albee that the Planning Commission could endorse the proposed location of the Museum Historic Exhibit of a half scale cross section model of a schooner at the City Marina.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 7 to 0 with Commissioner Fortier Abstaining.

Yes: Slawinski, Barry, Crockett, Dean, Albee, Neider, Yoder
No: None

Commissioner Fortier returned to his seat

Meeting/Worksession Dates 2011

Staff has prepared a list of proposed meeting/worksession dates for 2011 for the Commission to review.

MOTION by Dave Crockett, seconded by Bill Dean that the City of Manistee Planning Commission has scheduled their meetings and worksessions for 7:00 p.m. as follows for 2011.

MEETINGS

January 6, 2011
February 3, 2011
March 3, 2011
April 7, 2011
May 5, 2011
June 2, 2011
July 7, 2011
August 4, 2011
September 1, 2011
October 6, 2011
November 3, 2011
December 1, 2011

WORKSESSIONS

January 20, 2011
February 17, 2011
March 17, 2011
April 21, 2011
May 19, 2011
No Worksession
No Worksession
No Worksession
September 15, 2011
October 20, 2011
November 17, 2011
No Worksession

With a roll call vote this motion passed 8 to 0.

Yes: Neider, Crockett, Dean, Slawinski, Albee, Barry, Fortier, Yoder
No: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Former Harbor Village Sales Office, 100 Marina Drive - Parcel Split

A request was received at the September Planning Commission Meeting for a Parcel Split that would remove the former Harbor Village Sales Office, 100 Marina Drive from parcel 51-51-202-300-00 as shown on survey dated June 30, 2010 prepared by Abonmarche Job No. 10-0414. The Planning Commission Postponed action until the October 7, 2010 meeting to give the applicant time to provide additional documentation.

Cyndy Fuller reported to the Commission that they are working on the necessary paperwork. They should have documents finalized for the November meeting. Ms. Fuller asked the Commission if they would postpone action on the request until the November 4, 2010 meeting.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Linda Albee that the Planning Commission Postpone until the November 4, 2010 the request to split the former Harbor Village Sales Office, 100 Marina Drive from Parcel 51-202-300-00 as shown on survey dated June 30, 2010 prepared by Abonmarche Job No. 10-0414.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 8 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Albee, Slawinski, Dean, Neider, Crockett, Fortier, Yoder
No: None

Medical Marihuana

The Planning Commission continued discussion regarding Medical Marihuana. Ordinances from the MML Web Page were copied for the members to review. Jon Rose and Denise Blakeslee will be attending a seminar on Medical Marihuana at the Michigan Association of Planners Conference on October 21st. The Commission rescheduled the October Worksession from October 21st to October 28th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Cyndy Fuller said how much she has enjoyed working with Tony when she served on the Planning Commission and wished him the best.

Linda Albee spoke of meetings for Blossom Boulevard and League of Women Voters.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

Jon Rose, Community Development Director - A Building Permit application was received from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for their facility at 310 Ninth Street. They are installing an elevator and a new set of stairs. The new stairs will 144 sq. ft. in size. This building was constructed in the 1960's and under the ordinance the use would require a Special Use Permit. The Ordinance treats the request as if a Special Use Permit were in place. Mr. Rose asked the commission if they consider the installation of an enclosed stairway 144 sq ft in size a minor non-substantive change.

Consensus from the Commission was that the installation of an enclosed stairway 144 sq ft in size is a minor non-substantive change.

Mr. Rose gave an update on the Zoning Amendments that have been sent to City Council. Amendment Z10-05 was tabled by Council for changes.

Commissioner Slawinski was recognized for his 33 years of service on the Planning Commission. A presentation was made that included a Special Tribute signed by State Representative Dan Scripps, State Senator Michelle McManus, and Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. A letter from MSU Extension Director Elaine Bush was read along with a Resolution from the Planning Commission. Commissioners wished Tony and his family the best and told him how much he would be missed. Chairman Yoder presented Tony a cane and expressed his appreciation for his dedication to the Commission. Cake was served.

MEMBERS DISCUSSION:

The Planning Commission Rescheduled their Worksession to Thursday, October 28, 2010.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be on Thursday, November 4, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Yoder asked Commissioner Slawinski if he would like to make a final motion after his 33 years of service.

MOTION by Tony Slawinski, seconded by Linda Albee that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:46 P.M.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary