

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2010

A Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Yoder

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Linda Albee, Maureen Barry, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Eric Gustad, Marlene McBride, Nathaniel Neider, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: Dave Crockett (excused)

Others: Jeff Mikula (Abonmarche), Cyndy Fuller (18 Cottage Lane), Jon Rose (Community Development), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning) and Others

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Bill Dean that the Agenda be approved as prepared.

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

Yes: Barry, Neider, Albee, Gustad, Fortier, Dean, McBride, Yoder
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting of November 4, 2010

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Linda Albee that the minutes of the November 4, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting be approved.

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

Yes: McBride, Dean, Fortier, Gustad, Albee, Neider, Barry, Yoder
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

First Street

Jeff Mikula, Abonmarche made a presentation to the Planning Commission on the First Street Project. The hopes are to phase this project after the Cedar Street project. The project includes a traffic circle that has been designed to meet the needs of fishermen with boats. New water and sewer lines will be installed to meet future the needs of the area. The Parks and Beautification Committee asked for input on the landscape islands. Rolled curb and gutter will be installed that will allow easier plowing of snow in the winter.

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Marlene McBride that the Planning Commission endorse the First Street Project.

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

Yes: Neider, Dean, Gustad, McBride, Albee, Barry Fortier, Yoder
No: None

Election of Officers 2011.

According to the By-Laws of the City of Manistee Planning Commission their annual election of Officers is held at the December Meeting for the following year.

Chair

At this time the meeting was turned over to Jon Rose who asked for nominations for the Position of Chair.

Ray Fortier, seconded by Linda Albee nominated Roger Yoder for the position of Chair

Nominations were asked for three times. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

With a roll call vote, Roger Yoder was elected Chair of the Planning Commission for 2011, 8 to 0.

Yes: Neider, Dean, Gustad, McBride, Albee, Barry, Fortier, Yoder
No: None

The meeting was turned back over to Chairman Yoder.

Vice-Chair

Chair Yoder asked for nominations for the Position of Vice-Chair.

Maureen Barry nominated Ray Fortier for the position of Vice-Chair

Nominations were asked for three times. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

With a roll call vote, Ray Fortier was elected Vice - Chair of the Planning Commission for 2011, 8 to 0.

Yes: Yoder, Fortier, Barry, Neider, Albee, McBride, Dean, Gustad
No: None

Secretary

Chair Yoder asked for nominations for the Position of Secretary.

Ray Fortier nominated Maureen Barry for the position of Secretary

Nominations were asked for three times. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

With a roll call vote, Maureen Barry was elected Secretary of the Planning Commission for 2011, 8 to 0.

Yes: Albee, Fortier, Yoder, McBride, Neider, Gustad, Barry, Dean
No: None

Appointment of a Recording Secretary 2011. Once Elected the Secretary may appoint a Recording Secretary to handle the administrative functions of the office.

Maureen Barry appointed Denise Blakeslee to act as the Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission for the year 2011.

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 51-202-300-00 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. The applicant requested and the Planning Commission approved a postponement until the November 4, 2010 meeting. At the November 4, 2010 meeting the Planning Commission postponed action until the December 2, 2010 meeting for approval of the easement information from the City Attorney.

Cyndy Fuller, 18 Cottage Lane - Ms. Fuller said that they have been working on the documents with the Attorneys. There are still issues that need to be finalized. Ms. Fuller asked the Commission for another postponement.

MOTION by Linda Albee, seconded by Ray Fortier that Planning Commission postpone deliberations on the request to split the former Harbor Village Sales Office, 100 Marina Drive from Parcel 51-202-300-00 until the January 6, 2011 meeting.

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

Yes: Albee, McBride, Fortier, Barry, Gustad, Neider, Dean, Yoder
No: None

Medical Marihuana

The Planning Commission continued their discussion on Medical Marihuana. Discussed the work that has been done to date.

Commissioner Dean spoke of the process and that need to balance the need of patients with the needs for the community. He supports Commissioner Neider's desire to keep caregivers and distribution out of residential districts.

Consensus from the Commission was to send a draft of the Licensing Ordinance including the two levels of licensing and buffering zones as discussed at the last worksession to the City Attorney and Chief of Police for their review.

The Consensus was 6 to 2.

Yes: Albee, McBride, Fortier, Barry, Gustad, Yoder
No: Neider, Dean

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

MEMBERS DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Gustad thanked all of the commissioners for the work that has been done on the Medical Marihuana Ordinance.

Commissioner Albee thanked the Commissioners for all of the hard work this past year.

The Planning Commission does not have a Worksession scheduled for this month.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be on Thursday, January 6, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Linda Albee, seconded by Maureen Barry that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary