

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2010

A Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 4, 2010 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 Vice Chair Fortier

ROLL CALL:

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

Members Absent: Roger Yoder (excused)

Others: Dr. George Wagoner (3 Cottage Lane), Dave Bachman (Chief of Police), George Saylor (City Attorney), Jon Rose (Community Development), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning) and Others

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Dave Crockett, 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, Gustad, Dean McBride, Fortier

No: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting of October 7, 2010

MOTION by Dave Crockett, seconded by Linda Albee that the minutes of the October 7, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting be approved.

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

Yes: McBride, Dean, Gustad, Crockett, Albee, Neider, Barry, Fortier

No: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

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. The applicant requested and the Planning Commission approved a postponement until the November 4, 2010 meeting.

Copies of Easements that were received today were handed out to the members of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission noted that they would not accept information handed out at a meeting for consideration, that the information should have been in their meeting packets.

MOTION by Dave Crockett, seconded by Linda Albee that Planning Commission postpone action until the December 2, 2010 meeting for approval of the easement information from the City Attorney.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 7 to 1.

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

Medical Marihuana

The Planning Commission continued their discussion on Medical Marihuana.

Dr. George Wagoner, 3 Cottage Lane - Dr. Wagoner spoke of his support for the use of Marihuana for medical purposes. His wife was diagnosed with cancer and after eliminating every type of prescription medication to combat her bouts of nausea after chemotherapy the use of Marihuana allowed her to eat again. He has been a supporter of the use of Medical Marihuana since that time and has spoken all over the country about the medical benefits that can be achieved by the use of Medical Marihuana.

City Attorney George Saylor and Chief of Police Dave Bachman spoke to the Commission about issues relating to Medical Marihuana.

After a lengthy discussion the Commission were in support of using Licensing under the Code of Ordinance as was suggested in the White Paper Report. They spoke of the desire to create two tiers of licensing and discussed options for both. Drafts will be sent to the City Attorney and Chief Bachman for their input. In the event that the new language is ready for the November 18, 2010 Worksession the Commission will discuss them further. The Commission will keep their options open and continue discussion including the possibility of a Zoning Amendment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Blakeslee asked if any members wanted to be signed up for the Planning for the New Economy seminar on December 8, 2010.

Jon Rose spoke to the commission on the status of Zoning Amendment Z10-05 that eliminates the industrial uses in the Waterfront District. The City Council has reviewed the amendment three times and it has been returned to staff for another re-write.

The members of the Planning Commission had a lengthy discussion about the changes to the ordinance.

MOTION by Dave Crockett, seconded by Nathaniel Neider to send back to City Council the original Zoning Amendment Z10-05.

With a roll call vote this motion was defeated 4 to 4.

Yes: Albee, Neider, Crockett, Fortier

No: Gustad, Barry, McBride, Dean

MEMBERS DISCUSSION:

None

The Planning Commission will hold a Worksession on Thursday, November 18, 2010.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Maureen Barry, seconded by Dave Crockett that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary