

MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2006

A Meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureen Barry, Ben Bifoss, Dave Crockett, Ray Fortier, Harlo Haines, Tony Slawinski, and Roger Yoder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tamara Buswinka, Vacancy

OTHERS: Dave Carlson (DDA), Lee Trucks (DDA), Jon Rose (Community Development), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning) and Others

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Yoder.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Planning Commission Meeting of October 5, 2006

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Tony Slawinski that the minutes of the October 5, 2006 Planning Commission Meeting be approved with the correction of the spelling of Slawinski on page 3 .

With a roll call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Bifoss, Crockett, Fortier, Slawinski, Yoder

No: None

NEW BUSINESS:

By-Law Review/Adoption

Planning Commissioners reviewed the most recent draft of By-Laws and discussed changes.

- ★ Section 3.3 Special Meetings - will require three members to call a special meeting.
- ★ Section 3.7 Voting - will require an affirmative vote of the majority of those members present.
- ★ Add Section 3.11 Conflict of interest - rewrite existing language.

A draft will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at the November 16, 2006 Worksession and this item will be placed on the December Meeting Agenda for approval.

Planning Commission Meeting/Worksession Dates 2007

Members of the Planning Commission were asked to review a list of meeting/worksession dates for 2007.

MOTION by Ray Fortier, seconded by Tony Slawinski that the Planning Commission Meeting and Worksession Dates and Times for 2007 be established as follows:

<u>MEETINGS 7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>WORKSESSIONS 7:00 P.M.</u>
January 4, 2007	January 18, 2007
February 1, 2007	February 15, 2007
March 1, 2007	March 15, 2007
April 5, 2007	April 19, 2007
May 3, 2007	May 17, 2007
June 7, 2007	No Worksession
July 12, 2007	No Worksession
August 2, 2007	No Worksession
September 6, 2007	September 20, 2007
October 4, 2007	October 18, 2007
November 1, 2007	November 15, 2007
December 6, 2007	No Worksession

With a roll call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Fortier, Bifoss, Haines, Yoder, Slawinski, Crockett, Barry
No: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Members Discussed the Memo received from City Manager Mitch Deisch regarding Council Policy #3. Commissioner Bifoss said that while he was City Manger he wrote the policy, and while he does not agree with Mr. Deisch's interpretation of "intent", the memo and attachment do respond to the request from the Planning Commission.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Ross Pope, Redstone requesting a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission (attached). The Zoning Board of Appeals has received a request for a Variance to the front yard set back for a proposed Goodwill Retail Store at 282 Twelfth Street (former Rich's Daisy A Day). A meeting has been scheduled for the ZBA on November 20, 2006 to comply with noticing requirements of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act that went into effect on July 1, 2006.

Planning Commission directed Jon Rose to contact Redstone to discuss the urgency of the request. If the Chair feels there is justification a Special Meeting will be called for November 28, 2006 -vs waiting the nine additional days until the December 7, 2006 meeting.

CITIZEN QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS:

Lee Trucks, 453 Second Street - Mr. Trucks spoke of his frustration on how the potential sale of City Owned Property to Walmart is being handled. Mr. Trucks is a member of the DDA, is not speaking on behalf of the DDA but has concerns about possible impacts to the downtown and how this would impact the Bonds the DDA issued for the Streetscape.

WORK/STUDY SESSION:

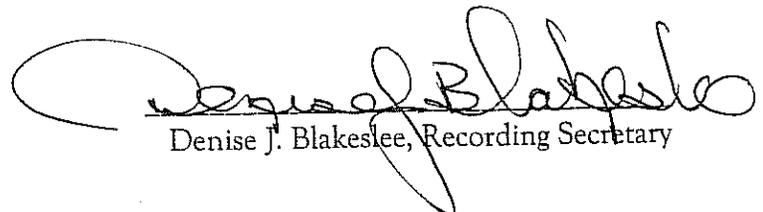
The next worksession will be on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Maureen Barry, seconded by Tony Slawinski that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary

REDSTONE

November 2, 2006

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Re: Special Meeting Request

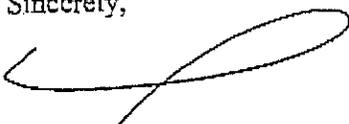
Dear Ms. Blakeslee:

We were caught a bit off guard by the newly adopted ordinance which has made our proposed redevelopment inconsistent with the ordinance requirements. And due to the late time of year and winter weather conditions upon us, should we wait until December this project could simply go away for us.

Therefore, we are requesting, if possible, a special meeting for both planning commission and zoning board of appeals.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact either Shirley at 616-846-0620 x 213 or myself at extension 214.

Sincerely,



Ross E. Pope