

DEXTER VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Monday, February 4, 2013  
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chair Kowalski at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street.

**Present:** Kowalski, Stewart, Schmid, Wilcox, Robinson, Semifero

**Absent:** Bell, Phillips, Kimmel

**Approval of Minutes**

-Moved Robinson, support Schmid to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 7, 2013.  
Voice vote: Unanimous                      Motion Carried

**Approval of Agenda**

-Moved Wilcox, support Robinson to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voice vote: Unanimous                      Motion Carried

**Public Hearings-none**

**Pre-Arranged Citizen Participation-none**

**Reports of Officers-**

- A. Chairman Report Kowalski-Welcome to new Ex-Officio
- B. Planning Commissioners Reports and Ex-officio Reports
  - 1. Ex-officio Semifero reported on audit; impacts to the Planning Commission, bonding limit, Street project, sidewalk project, policy workshops on streets, May 7<sup>th</sup>-Special election on cityhood process, if vote passes Charter Commission election would be held for Commission to draft city charter, which would then be voted on.
- C. Community Development Office Report
  - 1. Quarterly Reports-FY 2012-13 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
  - 2. Town Hall Meeting-Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Dexter District Library-open forum with Village Council

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission**

- 1. Paul Cousins-Council Workshop-Facilities; Village Hall, parking, bathrooms; Border to Border) (B2B) impact on downtown and parking and economic development, Facilities Committee; Town hall for comments
- 2. Jim Carson-Discussed the process for the Dexter Wellness Center Buffer Landscape modification process that resulted from resident complaints

**Old Business-none**

**New Business**

- A. Discussion of: 2013-2018 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) - The Planning Commission discussed the information in the packet and the following:
  - Adding the project score to the summary worksheet
  - Concerns about maintenance of existing facilities, i.e. Mill Creek Park and other facilities
  - Adding PASAR rating to the streets worksheets, consider rating and project coordination (water, storm & sewer improvements) in priority level
  - Pedestrian Connectivity – as we attract visitors to the west side of the Village we must improve pedestrian connectivity throughout the community, especially along major thoroughfares
  - Walkabout Creek needs to be connected to sidewalk network
  - Crosswalk at schools and Baker Road is a priority need; collaboration with the school imperative; Safe Routes to Schools coordinator can provide assistance and access to funding; 5H Dexter Coalition a potential funding source
  - Update Zoning Ordinance – following adoption of a Master Plan is a good time to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, specifically landscaping, signs and lighting, which all need review and improvement based on recent observations.
  - Public Restrooms – Top Priority in the downtown

**Proposed Business for Next Agenda**

- A. CIP 2013-2018 Discussion and set Public Hearing for April 1, 2013
- B. Bits and Pizza
- C. Notice of Decision-ZBA Case #2013-01 and 2013-02

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission-none**

**Adjournment**

-Move Semifero, support Wilcox to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Bishop  
Recording Secretary

**Filing Approved 3-4-13**