

DEXTER VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Secretary Robinson at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street.

Present: Stewart, Phillips, Schmid, Robinson, Kimmel, Semifero

Absent: Kowalski, Bell, Wilcox

Approval of Minutes

-Moved Schmid, support Phillips to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 5, 2013.

Voice vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

-Moved Schmid support Kimmel to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Public Hearings-none

Pre-Arranged Citizen Participation

Matt Kaminski from Huron River Watershed Council conducted a presentation on: Making Climate Resilient Communities.

Topics discussed were: Climate Change & Resiliency, Focus on Local Resources, Why does the Watershed Council Care About Trees, Climate Resiliency Communities Report, Climate Change Implications, Observed Temperature and Precipitation Trends, Effects on Natural Infrastructure, Fish and Wildlife, Implications for Tree Species, The Challenge for Land Managers, Impacts on the Huron River Watershed and Beyond and Additional Benefits of Resiliency Management.

Commission Comments:

What is the focus overall

Trees rather than storm water

We have the creek and the river

Good to know there is more information out there that is more relevant to us

Mike mentioned Rick Lawson as a resource

Presentation is available online: Huron River Watershed Council Toolkit Webpage, Reports, Articles, Presentation, Trees, Green Infrastructure, Altered Storm Patterns and Impact on Sewer System and Storm Water and Runoff.

Reports of Officers-

A. Chairman Report Kowalski-none

B. Planning Commissioners Reports

1. Commissioner Schmid briefly talked about the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee met last week and approved the troll at bridge and the bike way-finder approved near car wash, images maybe available in a few months.
2. Commissioner Robinson gave update of Dapco redevelopment meeting, discussion about trends in the real estate market. Plan will be to list property and market it. Discussed PUD, possible restaurant and changes to zoning ordinance may occur regarding site. May move DTE substation to Dan Hoey property closer to Industrial Park. Challenges with site being a Brownfield, may have to cap some areas.
3. Ex-Officio Semifero-Village Council approved Dextech. Discussion on staffing needs and plans for the future. Brief discussion on Ann Arbor and Central Street projects.

C. Community Development Office Report-Allison Bishop

1. ZBA Notice of Decision-8080 Grand Street-Administrative Review-possible withdrawal
2. Segment D1 Site Plan-submitted to MDOT for review-likely decision by end of month.
3. Victoria Condominiums Update-6 Units closed, moving forward on possible new plan.
4. LaFontaine Update-site is mostly complete
5. Office Coverage-Laura Kreps-Carlisle Wortman is covering for now

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission-none

Old Business

- A. Discussion of: Subcommittee Report-put on hold
2013 Ordinance Revisions
Article 7-Signs-DRAFT Goals
Future Discussion-Article 3-Exterior Lighting; Article 6-Landscaping
- B. Discussion of: Zoning Ordinance Landscaping Standard Article VI, Section 6.14 Tree Replacement Standard: Donna and Carlisle Wortman should follow-up with proposed ordinance amendment language and recommendation to set public hearing or ZBA variance application for change at November meeting, coordinate with Tree Board/Sandy Hansen.

New Business-none

Proposed Business for Next Agenda

- A. Ann Arbor and Central Street Construction Plans-TBD
- B. Beer Grotto
- C. Ordinance Revisions-TBD-Article 6-Landscape Tree Replacement

Citizens Wishing To Address the Commission-none

Adjournment

-Move Schmid support Phillips to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Tuscano
Recording Secretary

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