

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: By Chairperson Abent at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Cuttle, Powers, Robinette, Sanders, Siarny, Snyder, Wildern, Abent, Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Kevin Fullerton, Fire Capt. and Building Inspector Leroy Hummel

ABSENT: Commissioner Ranville

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2008; Moved by Powers, second by Siarny to approve the minutes, as presented. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Siarny, second by Snyder to approve the agenda with the addition of Election of Officers after Early Public Comment. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Moved by Siarny, second by Robinette to appoint Patricia Abent as Planning Commission Chairperson. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Moved by Wildern, second by Powers to appoint William Siarny as Planning Commission Vice-Chairperson. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Moved by Siarny, second by Powers to appoint Kristie Snyder as Planning Commission Secretary. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of Brick for CVS Property

Bruce Michael, Ojibway Development Partners, LLC, presented the Commission with samples of the brick and façade materials they are planning to use for the CVS Development. They believe the proposed brick will blend in nicely with surrounding buildings.

Moved by Robinette, second by Powers to approve the brick choices to be used by the developers on the CVS building façade. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN REVIEW – AARON’S RENTALS

Public hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m. Alan Catchpool, CEI Engineering, presented the site plan and answered questions. The following was determined:

1. The proposed trees will need to be changed from White Pine and Maple to a lower growing tree.
2. Satisfactory lighting has yet to be established.
3. FAA Approval has not yet been received.
4. Eaton County Drain Commission approval has not yet been received.
5. Eaton County Road Commission approval has not yet been received.

Discussion was held regarding the time line for these approvals and if postponing the Site Plan would create an undue hardship on the Developer. Closed at 7:37 p.m.

B. ACTION ON SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR AARON’S RENTAL: Motion by Siarny, second by Snyder to postpone Site Plan Review for Aaron’s Rental to the February Meeting. Carried. 7 Yeas. 1 Nay.

8) REPORTS, COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) **DESIGN STANDARDS:** Committee meets on the 1st Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at 5:45 p.m.
- B) **ACCESS MANAGEMENT STANDARDS:** No Report.
- C) **SIGN COMMITTEE:** No Report.
- D) **BOARD OF APPEALS:** The next meeting is next Tuesday, January 13, 2009.
- E) **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** Chief Fullerton reported that there is nothing major going on; they have no anticipated site plans for next meeting with the exception of Aaron's Rental.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Atherton presented the Commission with a request to rezone the corner property at Clinton and Lawrence from R-2 to a Business district, which will allow him to turn the former Mobile Gas Station into a used car dealership, with about 9 – 10 cars at a time. He is not looking for permission, just for guidance, if that is even something they would consider. The Commission indicated that they are hesitant to rezone outside of what the Master Plan recommends, but that if he had the support of the surrounding neighbors, they would consider his request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Michelle King, City Clerk