

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 12, 2009**

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

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

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Cuttle (excused)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2009;** Motion by Siarny, second by Snyder to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009, as presented. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Siarny, second by Powers to approve the agenda, as presented. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE – 124 N. COCHRAN**

Public hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. Jeff Sayles, 111 S. Main Street, Clarksville, owner of American Fleet Re-Marketing, indicated that they have located an alternate location that they prefer on Lawrence Avenue and will not be pursuing this location. Public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

**B. ACTION ON CONDITIONAL USE – 124 N. COCHRAN:** Motion by Siarny, second by Sanders to deny the request from American Fleet Remarketing for Conditional Use at 124 N. Cochran. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN REVIEW – 106 SOUTH BOSTWICK – FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Public hearing was opened at 7:07 p.m. Eric Crandall, representing First Congregational Church and Bob Czerew of Schemata Inc., presented the Site Plan and answered questions by the Commissioners. Site Plan includes adding a second story to the Annex building immediately south of the existing church and connecting the two buildings with a structure that will include ramping to accommodate barrier free transitions from the main building to the annex. Barrier free parking with 14 spaces will be created on the west side of the building with ingress off Lawrence and a right turn only egress. Public hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

**D. ACTION ON SITE PLAN REVIEW – 106 S. BOSTWICK:** Motion by Siarny, second by Powers to approve Site Plan Review for 106 Bostwick contingent upon approval of variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals, and approval from the Drain Commission, Zoning Department and Department of Public Works. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain. (Abent)

**E. PUBLIC HEARING – TEMPORARY USE PERMIT – FIREWORKS SALES - WALMART**

Public hearing was opened at 7:38 p.m. Chuck Friese, 516 Parkers Drive, Portland, Michigan, representing TNT Fire works presented his request to sell fireworks in the Wal-Mart parking lot from June 20 through July 6, beginning at 9:00 and ending at 10:00 p.m. daily. He indicated that he has done

this in Charlotte for several years, permission has been obtained from the store, and he is willing to comply with all temporary sign requirements. Public hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

F. **ACTION ON TEMPRARY USE PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS SALES AT WALMART:** Motion by Powers, second by Snyder to approve a temporary use permit for TNT Fireworks to sell legal fireworks in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

G. **PUBLIC HEARING – TEMPORARY USE PERMIT – FIREWORKS SALES - MEIJERS**  
Public hearing was opened at 7:40 p.m. Chuck Friese, 516 Parkers Drive, Portland, Michigan, representing TNT Fire works presented his request to sell fireworks in the Meijer’s parking lot from June 20 through July 6, beginning at 9:00 and ending at 10:00 p.m. daily. He indicated that he has done this in Charlotte for several years, permission has been obtained from the store, and he is willing to comply with all temporary sign requirements. Public hearing closed at 7:41 p.m.

H. **ACTION ON TEMPRARY USE PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS SALES AT MEIJERS:** Motion by Snyder, second by Powers to approve a temporary use permit for TNT Fireworks to sell legal fireworks in the Meijer’s parking lot. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

I. **DISCUSS DESIGN STANDARDS**  
Chairperson Abent presented the Design Standards created by the Design Standards Committee. The Planning Commission made no corrections, additions or deletions to them. They will be presented to the City Manager this week with a request that they be placed on the next City Council agenda for discussion.

Motion by Siarny, second by Snyder to present the Design Standards as proposed to the City Council at their next regular meeting. Carried. 8 Yeas. 0 Nays.

**REPORTS, COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A) **ACCESS MANAGEMENT STANDARDS:** No Report.
- B) **SIGN COMMITTEE:** No Report.
- C) **BOARD OF APPEALS:** No Report.
- D) **BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** Chief Fullerton gave a report on the number of building permits and inspections pending.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Michelle King, City Clerk