



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

City Planning Commission

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Wednesday, November 3, 2010

7:00 PM

G. C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Bldg. 2nd Flr.

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Kirk Westphal called the meeting to order.

2 **ROLL CALL**

Wendy Rampson took the roll call.

Present 6 - Bona, Carlberg, Woods, Briggs, Westphal, and Giannola

Absent 3 - Pratt, Mahler, and Derezinski

3 **INTRODUCTIONS**

4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4-1 **10-1130** September 21, 2010 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Carlberg, seconded by Giannola, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

5 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Secretary Giannola, that the Agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Vice Chair declared the motion carried.

6 **REPORTS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATION, CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER, PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

a **City Administration**

None

b City Council

Rampson reported that the City Attorney's office is working to have a first draft of the Medical Marijuana licensing brought before City Council.

c Planning and Development Services Manager

Rampson reviewed the agenda for the upcoming City Planning Commission Working Session. She gave a brief overview of the proposed Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority, which involves cooperation between the four jurisdictions affected.

Rampson reported that a draft of the Unified Development Code has been provided to staff for review as part of the Zoning Ordinance Revisions (ZORO) project.

Rampson noted that there was a meeting that should have been added to the monthly meeting calendar: the Connector Study Open House on November 15, at 3:30 PM and 6 PM at the Downtown Ann Arbor District Library.

c-1 [10-1135](#) 1. November Meetings.

d Planning Commission Officers and Committees

Westphal reported that the Downtown Design Guidelines Task Force continues to meet, and they met this evening and will be meeting on subsequent Wednesday evenings at 5:15 pm at the offices of Mitchell and Mouat on Fourth Avenue.

Rampson mentioned that the Capital Improvements Plan Committee met once with Systems Planning, and part of the recommendation of the committee was to look at the different ways to get public involvement and engagement in the CIP process. She said that Connie Pulcipher and Cresson Sloten had drafted an on-line survey that the public could be a part of.

[Enter Pratt 7:20 PM]

e Written Communications and Petitions

e-1 [10-1131](#) Email from Stephen Ranzini regarding University Bank Petition

7 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Stephen Ranzini, President and CEO of the University Bank/Hoover Mansion, said that he had sent additional information to the Commission and wanted to review that information with the Commission. He read a statement and stressed that in order to make the buildings and grounds sustainable, they must change status quo. He said that he had recently received a recommendation from a local attorney on the use of the circular drive as parking who said it would increase the likelihood of collisions and he would not recommend it. He mentioned that ¾ of the bank employees live outside the County and it isn't practical for them to take multiple buses to work. He noted that he has to bike to work so his employees can park at work. He said that he had met with several people since the last Planning Commission meeting, whom he believes have already changed their minds and are now in support of their proposal of added parking. He noted that there are more customers than neighbors who benefit from their existence.

8 PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING**9 REGULAR BUSINESS - Staff Report, Public Hearing and Commission Discussion of Each Item****10-1132**

Resolution to Approve Distribution of the City of Ann Arbor Draft 2011-2015 Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (CPC)
Recommendation: Approval - 6 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Public Hearing on PROS Plan Distribution.

Noting that there were no speakers, the Chair closed Public Hearing at 7:25 pm.

9-1**10-1132**

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COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Bona asked Amy Kuras, Park Planer, how the list is compiled and who decides which groups or individuals will receive the draft plan.

Kuras responded that the State requires the City to notify neighboring jurisdictions and other groups, and then the City has added others in the community like the University of Michigan, as well as those that have requested to be notified but are not required.

Bona asked if Ann Arbor Railroad should be added to the list.

Kuras agreed and said she would add them to the list.

Pratt asked if a summary of the changes had been created and when the latest version of the draft plan would be made available.

Kuras said that she could provide the Commission with a summary of the changes and offered to review those changes briefly. She said that in her revisions she has worked to align the document more closely with the City's Master Plan and the Land Use elements. She said they had removed subjective comments about the administration and tried to align the plan with the CIP [Capital Improvements Plan] prioritization model.

Kuras informed the Commission that she had also included their comments in the Plan. She noted that she will be attaching the draft plan to the City Council resolution and she will send the Planning Commission members the link to that file.

Pratt said that it will be helpful for the Commission to know the changes when it comes back so they can focus on the initial comments.

Carlberg said that people in the audience were having difficulty with hearing the discussion.

A motion was made by Woods, seconded by Carlberg, that the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission recommends that the Mayor and City Council approve the distribution of the of the draft Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan for review and comment to adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders in accordance with MCL 125.37b of the State of Michigan Municipal Planning Act (PA-285 of 1931 as amended). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Vice Chair Westphal declaring the motion carried.

Yeas: 7 - Bonnie Bona, Evan Pratt, Jean Carlberg, Wendy Woods, Erica Briggs, Kirk Westphal, and Diane Giannola

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Eric A. Mahler, and Tony Derezinski

10 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

11 COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

