

MINUTES
OAK PARK PLAN COMMISSION
VILLAGE HALL- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 3, 2013
7 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Linda Bolte; Commissioners Jeremy Burton, Douglas Gilbert, Sonny Ginsberg, David Mann, Gail Moran

EXCUSED: Commissioner Mark Benson, Steven Rouse

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Failor, Village Planner; Jacob Karaca, Plan Commission Attorney

Roll Call

Chair Bolte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll was called.

Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Moran motioned to approve minutes from December 6, 2012. Commissioner Ginsberg seconded. Minutes were approved with three minor corrections.

Public Hearing(s)

PC 12-02: Commercial Expansion (801 Madison Street) Planned Development

Amendment: The applicant is requesting an amendment to Ordinance No. 2009-O-051 (a special use ordinance allowing a planned development for a multi-tenant commercial development with on-site parking) to allow Walgreens to expand into the vacant northeast corner commercial space. **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Commission reviewed the Findings of Face report page by page. A short discussion ensued about the relocation of a fire exit. Staff suggested including language indicating the amendment should follow the site plan submitted on 10/5/12. Commissioner Ginsberg motioned to approve the Findings of Fact with the site plan suggestion. Commission Mann seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Ginsberg- yes
Mann- yes
Gilbert- yes
Moran- yes
Burton- yes
Bolte- yes

The motion was approved 6-0. Staff indicated it would go before the Board of Trustees on January 22, 2013 and be processed in one step with the ordinance included with the recommendation from the Plan Commission.

Other Business:

Comprehensive Plan Update and online questionnaire: Chair Bolte thanked those commissioners who had participated in the online questionnaire for the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Failor emphasized that the online questionnaire was different than the questions discussed during the community or neighborhood meetings. Chair Bolte asked commissioners to complete the survey during the meeting. Attorney Karaca indicated it may be better to conduct the survey after the close of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act guidelines, since the public would not be able to see how commissioners responded on the online survey. Chair Bolte agreed.

Chair Bolte said on February 20, 2013 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. there would be a public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan at the 19th Century Club. She said it was to kick off the second phase of the project. She said there would be keypad polling and that neighbors, friends and family members should be invited to attend. Chair Bolte also said on January 14, 2013 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall, there would be a meeting for boards and commissions members. She encouraged commissioners to attend both meetings. She also encouraged commissioners to spread the word to community groups, organizations, etc. and to facilitate a Do-It-Yourself workshop with a small group using the kits available at Village Hall. Mr. Failor said the kits were also available online.

Mr. Failor said in future business, the Village Board would be referring a text amendment to allow the Plan Commission to review use variances for the Perimeter Overlay District and the Transit-Related Retail Overlay Districts. He said there would be a public hearing for that on the next Plan Commission meeting on February 7, 2013.

Mr. Failor said coming up in the near future, there might be a text amendment regarding the manufacture of medicinal marijuana but more information on that would be forthcoming.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Gilbert motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moran seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Angela Schell,
Recording Secretary