



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 15, 2009
Harpster

Present: Acting Chairperson Scott Harpster, Commissioners Jake Donoghue, Dick Stratton, and Karen Scott.

Excused: Gordon Roberts

Staff: Deputy Town Clerk Angela Kulp and Town Planner Mona Green

Guests: None

Acting Chair Harpster called the meeting to order at 7:20pm.

Minutes: Acting Chair Harpster moved to approve the September 17, 2009 minutes as written. Commissioner Scott seconded. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: ROW Ordinance Update

Acting Chair Harpster reported the Council has completed their public hearing on the proposed ROW Ordinance but a preliminary advisory vote did not pass and they will continue their work on it.

NEW BUSINESS: Shoreline Management Update

Planner Green updated the Commission on the status of the Town's Shoreline Management Plan. She reported in 1971 the State signed the Shoreline Management Act and now the State recently has begun asking cities to update their regulations for their shorelines. The Town recently applied for, and received a \$40K grant for a 3-year study by the Department of Ecology, to update its five phases of Shoreline Management regulations. Ms. Green reported the Town has signed a contract, hiring *The Watershed Company* to work with us in updating our regulations. Ms. Green invited the Commissioners to join her in those meetings with Watershed, beginning this next week. She reported the 3-year study began 7/1/09 and the grant is broken down into \$16K the 1st year, \$16K the 2nd year and \$8K the 3rd year. She explained the Town will be reimbursed for monies spent, up to the grant's value and she will be doing quarterly reports as required by the grant.

Planner Green noted that simultaneously the Western Academy of Beaux Arts (WABA) has applied and been granted \$50K by Water Resource Inventory Area, district eight (WRIA8) to develop a shoreline restoration plan to be completed by next June. Resident Ms. Joann Bromberg, previously a WABA Board Trustee, will be overseeing this grant for WABA. Ms. Green explained some overlap would occur, so the Town and WABA will work together in this process.

Planner Green defined for the Commission the shoreline to be measured 200' from the waterline into the land. Ms. Green also explained the Commission will be working on policies for the shoreline regulations, and will hold the public hearings as needed. Two principles will govern our policies: "best available science" and "no net loss". The first two tasks the Commission will oversee for the shoreline plan are "inventory" and "public involvement". Ms. Green noted these two tasks must be completed by February 2010. She asked Deputy Clerk Kulp to note the Shoreline tasks on the Commission's agenda when posted, for all interested villagers. Ms. Green noted she would make packages for the Commissioners with all relative, pertinent information to start reading so this process can begin at the November Commission meeting.

New Business: Wi-Fi

Commissioner Stratton inquired how the Town could get its own Wi-Fi here to keep costs down for each household. He explained his interest, and reasoning; the Commission agreed it sounded like a good idea. Planner Green suggested Commissioner Stratton get the Council's approval to study the idea further, which he will pursue at their November meeting.

Announcements: Term Expiration

Deputy Clerk Kulp noted Commissioner Donoghue's term on the Planning Commission is expiring 12/31/09. Mr. Donoghue explained that while he has enjoyed his term working on issues, he would like to give another villager an opportunity to serve on this Commission. Deputy Clerk Kulp agreed to put a notice of the upcoming vacancy in the November newsletter, and the Commission expressed their disappointment to Mr. Donoghue noting he will be missed.

Adjourn: Acting Chair Harpster moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Donoghue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, November 19, 2009, 7:00pm at Commissioner Stratton's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Kulp, Deputy Town Clerk