

CITY OF HANCOCK PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2010

The regular Planning Commission meeting for Monday, October 25, 2010 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti with the following members present: Terry Monson, Dan Lorenzetti, Bill Baxandall, Bill Laitila and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Tom Gemignani, Tony Wilmers, Bob Wenc and Dave Lucchesi

Guests: Roland Burgan

It was moved by Baxandall and seconded by Laitila to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Monson and seconded by Laitila to approve the August 23, 2010 minutes, with 2 corrections, adding the following to the 1st paragraph on page 2: "The Planning Commission cautioned that both city and MDOT approval would be needed for the proposed protrusions of the Arts building beyond the property line," and correct the date on paragraph 3, page 2 from 2010 to 2011.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

There were no Public Comments

Updates/Information

-Heard that the Hancock Rotary Club has donated \$10,838.81 toward the purchase of new playground equipment for the Hancock Beach. The total cost was \$16,434. The club will volunteer to erect the equipment in the spring.

-Heard that the city was to open bids on the sewer project on October 27th, and RD has lowered the interest rate on the loan portion from 2.625% to 2.25%.

-Learned that the city has scheduled a walk thru on the upcoming water project and reviewed correspondence from RD on the project.

-Heard that the new 4,200 sq. ft., \$700,000 transit facility was 99.5 % complete

-Reviewed the Aug.12th and September 9th US41/M26 Corridor Committee meeting notes.

-Noted that FU's Fall Enforcement is up 18%, or 105 students.

-Learned that FU's Campus and Community Initiative has resulted in 50% of Hancock's 2010 Senior Class, or 28 students, enrolled in FU under the tuition grant program.

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- Heard that the city has applied for a COE/DNRE permit to increase the storm water outlet pipe from 18" to 36" on Navy Street on the East side of M&M Power Sports.
- Heard that MDOT plans to bid out at the March 2011 letting the milling and repaving of Front St., Hancock St., S. Lincoln Dr., one block of Reservation St., and N. Lincoln West of N. Elevation St.
- Heard that Superior National Bank has sold the Crystal Room Liquor License, 308/310 Quincy St. to the Iron Horse Restaurant & Bar, Inc. located in Chassell Township.
- Heard that the escrowed North Shore Grill N Pub Liquor License had been transferred to Superior National Bank.
- Heard the city campground has record usage for the 2010 season.
- Learned that WUPPDR has applied for planning funds under the Federal Tiger II funds to study bike and pedestrian improvements to the Portage Lake Lift Bridge.
- Heard that the National Park Service is interviewing 11 candidates for the KNHP Superintendent position.
- Heard that the Gartner's Clothing Building, 102 Quincy St., is up for sale.
- Heard that Pat Campioni may be interested in starting up development of the 12 lot Valley View Estates residential plat in 2011.
- Heard the local organizing committee has submitted a preliminary bid to host the 2013 Finn Fest in Hancock/Houghton.
- Heard that 2 of the 3 floors are constructed at the 24 unit, \$6 million Quincy Haven Apt. project on M203, and masonry is 60% complete.

The commission reviewed the \$244,000 EPA grant award the city received to undertake storm water improvements to the Hancock Beach property. The city is currently accepting request for qualifications from professional engineering firms. Design is expected to start in December.

The commission reviewed SHPO correspondence dated August 20, 2010 on their comments on the proposed demolition of the fire damaged Bradway Building located at 116 Quincy St.

The commission reviewed the revised 5 year city recreation plan for the years 2011-2015, and looked at the proposed 5 year capital outlay plan, developed by the city recreation commission and WUPPDR staff.

The DDA has directed city staff to apply for a DNRE MNRTF grant application to fund 75% of the cost of a 382 feet long boardwalk on Portage Lake to connect the Porvoo Park walkway to the Ramada Inn walkway, along Navy St. The estimated project cost is \$260,000. It was moved by Baxandell and seconded by Monson to endorse and support the city's MNRTF application for the Navy St. Boardwalk project.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

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The commission reviewed a new 2-year lease between the city and Thornton Construction Co., Inc. providing year round non-motorized public access.

The commission reviewed to August 4 and September 2 Portage Lake Lift Bridge Emergency Management Long Term outage group meeting notes. The group is preparing a report on the options available and is comprised of MDOT and local officials. They began meeting in May.

It was moved by Monson and seconded by Baxandall to cancel the November 22nd and December 27th meeting and hold one special meeting on December 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary