

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2010**

The special meeting of the City of Hancock Planning Commission on Monday, December 6, 2010 was called to order by Chairperson Dan Lorenzetti at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Wenc, Terry Monson, Dan Lorenzetti, Bill Baxandall, Bill Laitila, Lisa McKenzie, Dave Lucchesi and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Tony Wilmers

Guests: None

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Laitila and seconded by Baxandall to approve the October 25, 2010 minutes, with one spelling correction under updates, "FU Fall enforcement should be "FU Fall enrollment."

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Chairperson Lorenzetti welcomed back City Council member Lisa McKenzie to the commission replacing Tom Gemignani as the City Council representative.

There was no public comments.

Updates/Information

-Heard that 5<sup>th</sup> & Elm was closing its Dunstan St. coffee shop and relocating to Houghton.

-Reviewed the final project list for MSHDA's NSP demo grant and single/rental rehab grant.

-Reviewed the October 14, 2010 US41/M26 Corridor Committee notes.

-Discussed the city's application to repair outlet pipes on 3 storm sewers located along Navy St.

-reviewed a preliminary proposal from Derek Bradway and Love Inc. about a reuse plan for 116 Quincy St.

-Noted that Miner's State Bank now has clean title on the J.B.Sports building, 119 Quincy St., and has the building listed for sale with Century 21 for an asking price of \$128,000.

-Reviewed the Portage Lake Lift Bridge Emergency Mgt.long term outage committee minutes of November 3, 2010.

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- Heard the city held a water project walk through for interested contractors on November 10, 2010 to allow interested contractors to look at the project prior to snow fall.
- Heard that the city was waiting for signatures on an easement from Lake Superior Timberlands for the water project
- reviewed a DNRE Wetlands permit for the water project which will impact about 1.7 acre of wetlands.
- Heard the sewer project will have loan closing with RD at its Gladstone Office on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Heard that Mark Johnson had made an offer to purchase the Gartner's Clothing Building at 102 Quincy St.
- Heard Northwind Real Estate had purchased and relocated its office to 1053 S. Lincoln Dr.
- Heard Karen and Dennis Lantto purchased the Crystal Room Building from Superior National Bank
- Heard Tom Ruonavaara purchased the WMPL building.
- Heard the city Hospital Finance Authority is planning to sell \$4 million bonds for Portage Health, of which most of it will go to put an addition onto the MTU Clinic site.

The Commission reviewed the October 27, 2010 sewer project bid opening results.

MJO Contracting	\$3,092,249.60
Moyle Construction	\$3,490,961.50
Bill Siler Contracting	\$3,659,085.00

The Commission reviewed the DDA mini façade grant program which offers up to a \$10,000 matching grant. Fifteen projects have been approved, with 11 done, 2 underway and 2 on hold.

Repaving a portion of Campus Drive from US41 to the High School will be bid out by MDOT on June 3, 2011.

The Commission reviewed a preliminary façade design for the reuse of the Middle School now owned by FU. The entire renovation budget to convert the building into the College of Health Sciences is \$6 million. The façade would get all new energy efficient windows.

Fall 2010 FU enrollment grew by 105 students, or 18%, and January 2011 enrollment is expected to be higher. FU is also expecting an increase in Fall 2011 enrollment of 8 to 10%.

FU plans to undertake a small 2,500 sq. ft. addition to Finlandia Hall for cafeteria expansion and is studying how to add up to 80 additional dorm beds either by constructing an addition to Finlandia Hall or remodeling the upper 2 floors of the Jutila Center.

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Bob Wenc said the Studio Pizza building, the old PIC Theatre was originally a cigar factory. The Studio Pizza is now holding music events in the theatre portion of the building.

Dave Lucchesi inquired if the city had annexed the 140 acre Tourangeau parcel the city purchased in 2008.

Dave Lucchesi asked if Jon Julien had any plans to build a small assisted living building on Ingot St. by the city water tank.

It was moved by Lucchesi and seconded by Monson to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson, Secretary