



CITY OF CHELSEA

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PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
AUGUST 17, 2004
7:30 P.M.
BOARD ROOM
WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER
500 WASHINGTON ST., CHELSEA, MI**

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting Minutes - Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2004

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES

- Worksession Minutes – Approval of WorkSession minutes for August 3, 2004

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DISCUSSION

- City of Chelsea Comprehensive Plan
- Washtenaw County Comprehensive Plan

REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

City of Chelsea Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2004
7:30 P.M.
Board Room
Washington Street Education Center
500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI

Members Present: Chairman Chris Rode, Walter Bolt, Casey Blair, Ann Valle, Rik Haugen

Members Absent: Peter Feeney (excused), Ann Dilcher (excused), Chris Pick (excused), George Kinzer (excused)

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Administrator James Drolett, City Trustee- Cheri Albertson

Others Absent: City Engineer-Christine Linfield, City Planner – Carl Schmult (It was not necessary for either to attend), City Trustee - Frank Hammer

Chris Rode called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2004

A motion was made by Ann Valle to approve the Planning Commission Minutes for July 20, 2004 seconded by Casey Blair with the following changes. Under reports, second to last sentence, change the word “write” to it’s correct use ”right”, and take out the word “they” and add “each participating local unit of government will write their own resolution of endorsement”. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 4 Absent. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE WORK SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2004

A motion was made by Ann Valle to approve the work session minutes of August 3, 2004 as written, seconded by Casey Blair. 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 4 Absent. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Rode opened and closed this portion of the meeting, as there was no public participation.

DISCUSSION

• **Washtenaw County Comprehensive Plan**

The Washtenaw County Comprehensive plan was discussed at the last Planning Commission Work Session. Ann Valle said that there is a lot of good information in the objectives along the sidelines of the document. She thought we should incorporate the

same type of information in our comprehensive plan. Chris Pick also thought there were portions from the economic portion that should be incorporated.

Chris Rode said that the Parks and Recreation section was very short on specifics and wishes they added in greater detail that the City of Chelsea has a county park. He would like the county to explore making better use of the park with better access while not disturbing those who are golfing. For example, they might allow cross-country skiing in the winter. The plan could also discuss specifically how the county could enter into cooperative agreements with surrounding municipalities on how to tie in linear trails that might come through other river basins and connect with Chelsea.

Chris Rode said that in the Parks and Recreation Section they discuss creating and maintaining distinct communities through the provision of green space and open space, and then in the transportation section they discuss having an activity center at interchanges off I-94. Rode said when in the visioning sessions of the surrounding municipalities, they discussed having property south of I-94 be zoned agricultural or rural, and what that section is suggesting is that at every interchange there should be an urban activity center. He personally objects to this concept. He is concerned that surrounding areas will end up connecting. Walter Bolt said this needs to be conveyed to the county because this is pretty important and that there might be some interchanges where this is appropriate, but not the general statement of all intersections.

Comments are due to the County by Thursday, August 19th. Chris Rode will add the park issues with cooperation between parks and local communities. Ann Valle asked that something is added about connecting recreational space for walking and biking, otherwise we will end up developing a ring around the green space for surrounding municipalities.

- **Council Resolution**

A Council Resolution was handed out to Commissioners at tonight's meeting. Council Member Cheri Albertson said that this resolution deals with reclassifying some of our streets. By doing this, the City would be eligible for funding. She would like the Planning Commission to review the resolution to make sure it meets the guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan with feedback to Council. Chairman Rode was concerned that we did not have good guidelines in the Comprehensive Plan about the different street designations and would like to see that changed. Walter Bolt will meet with City Engineer Christine Linfield, to discuss the differences, and go over the various street designations.

Cheri Albertson said that Ken Reiter from the Road Commission was at the last work session and handed out a draft map showing proposed county road projections which is to be used as a planning tool. The plan is to have the map laminated so we can work right on it.

- **City of Chelsea Comprehensive Plan**

Last time this subject was discussed the Planning Commission talked about transportation. Chris Rode has gotten feedback from Peter Feeney and Chris Pick who went through the different traffic studies. Chris Rode would like to see some proposed

text at the next work session from the Planning Commission for the transportation section.


Cheri Albertson said that she would like to see what the speed limits are for the different category of streets. She also discussed with council putting in bike paths along Old US-12 when putting in sidewalks. Walter Bolt thinks the Act 51 map should be put right in our Comprehensive Plan.

Regarding the reforming of the local road sub-committee, Cheri Albertson said the Planning Commission will need to make a recommendation to council. Chris Rode asked Walter Bolt to write a couple of sentences. Jim Drolett thought that Mike Steklac had already met with the local townships to discuss this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rik Haugen, supported by Walter Bolt to adjourn the regular Planning Commission meeting at 9:25 p.m. 5 Ayes, 0 No, 4 Absent. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Walter J. Bolt
Village of Chelsea Planning Commission Secretary

