CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
April 11, 2012
Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER  The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for April 11, 2012 was called to order by Chairperson Mark Jennings at 4:10 PM.

ROLL CALL  Roll Call revealed Commissioners Mark Jennings, Gordon Kelley, Tim Lee and Chris Young present.

City Manager Jason Eppler and Planning Consultant Tim Johnson were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  Chairperson Jennings reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the agenda for the April 11, 2012 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  The Commission reviewed the minutes of the March 14, 2012 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS  None.

OLD BUSINESS  Master Plan Update: Chairperson Jennings introduced Planning Consultant Tim Johnson. Mr. Johnson stated that the draft plan has been prepared and was distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. One of the key components of the plan is the future land use map. He distributed a proposed updated map for the Commissioners to review. Mr. Johnson explained that the proposed map differs from the current map as follows:

- Includes the Steele Street Corridor Redevelopment area;
- Updated/modernized the future land use categories;
- Removed the “RT” areas and designated them as High Density Residential;
- Hospital Redevelopment District at the current Sparrow Ionia Hospital was added in recognition of the relocation of the hospital.

Commissioners offered several other revisions which will be made to the next draft map.
Mr. Johnson reviewed the next steps for finalizing the plan which includes a final review of the text and map by the Commission at the May meeting. Upon completing this task the draft plan will be forwarded to the City Council for review at its June meeting where permission to distribute the draft plan to the County and four neighboring townships will be requested (as required by statute). Once distributed, the County and four townships have 63 days to review the draft plan and offer comment. Once this review period has ended the Commission can then conduct the Public Hearing on the draft plan, revise as necessary and adopt the plan. Statute does permit the City Council to be the final adopting body should it desire to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Jason Eppler
City Manager/Recording Secretary
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