

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
March 14, 2012
Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for March 14, 2012 was called to order by Chairperson Mark Jennings at 4:05 PM.

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

Pastor John Prominski, City Manager Jason Eppler, Planning Consultant Tim Johnson and Public Safety Officer Doug DeVries were also present.

Chairperson Jennings welcomed Tim Lee to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Lee was recently appointed to the Commission to replace Ted Paton who was appointed to the City Council as a First Ward Councilmember.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairperson Jennings reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Ulmer, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2012 meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the February 8, 2012 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Ulmer, seconded by Commissioner Young to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2012 Commission meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

NEW BUSINESS Request for Site Plan Approval Extension – Resurrection Life Church: The City Manager reported that the City has received a request from Resurrection Life Church for a one-year extension of the approval for the site plan for the Church's proposed project in the 400 block of West Main Street. Pastor Prominski updated the Commission on the Church's efforts to secure funding for the project. Progress is being made but consistent with the City's approval, adequate funds must be available to the Church to complete the project. The City Manager stated that Section 1276.09 permits, upon request, the Planning Commission to grant a one-year extension. The current expiration date is April 12, 2012.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Ulmer, seconded by Commissioner Jennings that pursuant to Section 1276.09 of the City Code, to extend the expiration date of the Resurrection Life Church site plan for their West Main Street project until April 12, 2013. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Update: Chairperson Jennings introduced Planning Consultant Tim Johnson. Mr. Johnson re-reviewed with the Commission the proposed Steele Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan. Commissioners offered suggested revisions which will be incorporated into the version that will be included in the updated Master Plan. Mr. Johnson also reviewed with the Commission proposed Chapters 4 (Goals & Action Plan); 5 (Planning Analysis) and 6 (Future Land Use). Commissioners offered revisions as necessary.

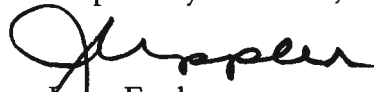
Mr. Johnson also reviewed with the Commission the proposed schedule for completing the Master Plan project. Ideally, adoption can occur in September.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Eppler
City Manager/Recording Secretary
for

Boomer Hoppough, Secretary