

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
October 12, 2011
Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for October 12, 2011 was called to order by Chairman Mark Jennings at 4:00 PM.

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

Commissioners Boomer Hoppough, Gordon Kelley and Ted Paton were excused.

Those also in attendance included City Manager Jason Eppler and Planning Consultant Tim Johnson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chairman Jennings reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Ulmer to approve the agenda for the October 12, 2011 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the September 14, 2011 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Ulmer to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2011 Commission meeting as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

OLD BUSINESS Master Plan Update: Planning Consultant Tim Johnson reviewed with the Commission the survey results received to date. He reported that eighty-two on-line surveys have been completed to date. Ideally, the Commission would like to receive a minimum of four hundred responses. The Commission discussed options for continuing to promote the completion of the survey (both paper and on-line). The City Manager will follow-up on the suggestions offered.

The Commission also discussed with Mr. Johnson options for conducting the mobile workshops. The mobile workshops are proposed to be completed by members of the Commission with key groups in the community. Possible venues discussed included the Ionia Rotary Club, Ionia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Ionia Ambassadors and the senior luncheons hosted by the Ionia

Public School System. Mr. Johnson suggested that these be completed during the month of November. The City Manager will follow-up in scheduling them.

Mr. Johnson also reviewed with the Commission the proposed updated community description and US Census results for 2010. Commissioners offered suggestions for clarifying the data that will be included in the plan.

Mr. Johnson shared with the Commission that the Ad-Hoc Recreation Plan Advisory Committee continues to meet and work on the recreation plan update.

NEW BUSINESS None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
 None.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Young to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 PM.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Eppler
City Manager/Recording Secretary
for
Boomer Hoppough, Secretary