

DEXTER VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

April 5, 2004
Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chair Kumble at the Dexter Area Senior Citizen Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street.

Present: Baukema, Bell, Kimmel, Kowalski, Kumble, Lovell, McCormick, Tell

Absent: Walters

Approval of Minutes

-Moved Kimmel, support Kowalski to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2004, regular meeting as presented. Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

-Moved Tell, support Baukema to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Moved Kimmel, support Baukema to amend the Commission rules to move Item VI. to precede Item IV.

Voice Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Reports of Officers

- A. Chair –Moved Kumble, support Baukema to appoint Donna Fisher to the position of Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission.
Ayes: Baukema, Bell, Kimmel, Kowalski, Kumble, Lovell, McCormick, Tell
Nays: None
Motion Carried
Chair Kumble welcomed new Planning Commission member, Scott Bell.
- B. Zoning Office – Ms Menard included the April report in the Commission packets. The subject of 7650 Second Street and its zoning will be discussed at a future meeting. May 1st will be the Village Parks clean up with Dexter Scout Troops.
- C. Village Manager – Not Present – a copy of the Report to the Village Council was included in the packet.
- D.

Public Hearing- Special Use Permit –Foggy Bottom Coffee House

7063 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd – Dexter Crossing Commercial Center

The hearing opened at 7:48 P.M. Zoning Officer Menard made a brief presentation of the request. Doug Marrin, petitioner, addressed the Commission, speaking of his proposal. The floor was opened to citizen comment. The following addressed the Commission:

-D. Fisher, 3035 Inverness, stated she believed Mr. Marrin to be a person of great integrity and that she supported his proposal.

-P. Cousins, Forest Ave, spoke in favor of the project, stating it would be a fine addition to the Community.

There were no other citizens who wished to address the Commission and the hearing was closed to the public.

Moved Kimmel, support Kumble to recommend the Village Council approve the Special Use Permit for the Foggy Bottom Coffee House, located at 7063 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter Crossing Commercial Center for Applicant Douglas Marrin with no conditions.

Ayes: Baukema, Bell, Kimmel, Kowalski, Kumble, Lovell, McCormick, Tell

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Citizens Wishing To Address the Commission

-Mr. P. Cousins, 7648 Forest, stated his opposition to the proposed allowance of sandwich board type signs in the downtown area, citing the fact that people who have asked for the ordinance change currently have placed the signs illegally and have ignored the Zoning Officer's order to remove them, and that now the individuals want an ordinance change to accommodate these ill placed signs. He further stated his belief that the current ordinance provides for alternatives for the merchants' advertising needs that would be legal and to change the ordinance would reward those that had broken the law. He encouraged the Commission to leave the ordinance as it currently is proposed and to recommend Council's approval.

-D. and R. Boyle, 3215 Boulder Court, explained a process they had used for a petition regarding the proposed sandwich board signs. They believe no one objects to their sign and further stated the economic situation stinks, that they are not asking too much, and the Council has bigger things to worry about.

Old Business

A. Article 7 Sign Ordinance

-Moved Kumble, support Kowalski to consider the proposed sign ordinance at the May 3, 2004, meeting with the proposed insert as previously suggested.

Ayes: Bell, Kimmel, Kowalski, Kumble, Lovell, McCormick

Nays: Baukema, Tell

Motion Carried

B. Master Plan

Further updates will be presented by the Zoning Office.

New Business

None

Proposed Business for Next Agenda

Consideration of Sign Ordinance Article 7

Master Plan Discussion

Section 3 - General Provisions Review

Section 6 - Landscape Review

Section 21 - Site Plan Review

Section 5 – Parking and Loading Review

By-Laws Review – Robert's Rules

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Mr. R. Tell, stated he wished to apologize for any thing that he said during the meeting that might have offended anyone, as it was not his intent to do so.

Adjournment

-Moved Kumble, support Kimmel to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 P.M.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Fisher
Village Clerk

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