

Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting
February 11, 2013
Montpelier High School cafeteria

Subject to review and approval

Present: Jesse Moorman, Kim Cheney, Jon Anderson, John Bloch, Alan Goldman, Thomas Nowlin, Tina Ruth, Gwen Hallsmith – staff, Luke Rafferty - staff.

Call to order by the Chair: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jesse Moorman.

Comments from the Chair: The Chair spoke on behalf of the Commission in wishing Eileen Simpson's family condolences.

Review minutes of January 14, 2013: A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Jon Anderson, seconded by Kim Cheney. The motion passed unanimously.

Continue review of Article 2 – Zoning Districts and Regulations with focus on Towne Street neighborhood: Jesse would like the Committee's feedback on how to proceed with the different districts and set some goals for this meeting. He would like to hear from and about each district, but whether the Commission should vote on each district after the discussion or to wait until all the information has been heard.

Jon Anderson made a motion that from Lincoln Street up the northern side of Main Street have the boundaries moved to be changed to the Towne Street neighborhood with the exception of 250 Main, which would be part of the Towne Hill neighborhood. Kim seconded the motion. Jon feels that 250 Main is not within walking district of the city's center so it should be considered suburban. Other Committee members didn't feel comfortable separating a section of the area from the whole. After a discussion, Jesse called the question. He read a statement from Eileen that the record show that she had advised several members by email that the development of 250 Main would be by zoning process, not stopped by residents using an endless DRB process.

In favor were Kim, Thomas, and Jon. Opposed were John, Alan, and Tina. Alan said that the charter states that there are 7 votes. Eileen's vote would be opposed to the motion. Jesse abstained as a tiebreaker. Not all members were in attendance and others wanted more information. There will be further discussion.

Saturday meeting date and agenda: There had been a discussion about having a 4 hour meeting on a Saturday to resolve some issues. It was decided to wait until Eileen was back to set dates and to wait until after the redistricting discussions are over. A tentative date is April 27.

Future agenda items – Sabin's and Crestview neighborhood dates: Alan mentioned that the next meeting, February 25 is in the middle of the schools' spring break and many people go away with their children. It was decided to cancel the February 25 meeting and call the Sabin meeting for March 11. Jesse asked the March's meetings be devoted to Sabin and April be devoted to Crestview.

Other business: There was no other business.

Adjournment: John made the motion to adjourn, Alan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary