



# Planning Commission Minutes

November 9, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Rick Jabs, Commissioners Dennis Schuller, Greg Van Sickle, Catherine Peloquin, Gordon Vizecky, and Thomas Rublein.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Josh Root, Jeff Karr and Maureen Scaglia.

STAFF PRESENT: Karen Barton, Assistant Community Development Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Couture, ECOSmarte  
Martin Kirsch, Resident

Chairperson Jabs called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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None

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## OPEN FORUM

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## PUBLIC HEARING

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None

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## NEW BUSINESS

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**ITEM #2**      **PC Letter #21 Finding of Consistency with Comprehensive Plan for the Acquisition of Property through the Richfield Rediscovered Program, New Home Program, and Neighborhood Stabilization Program.**

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Assistant Community Development Director Karen Barton (Barton) presented the staff report.

Commissioner Rublein raised concerns that the Planning Commission would be giving staff unfettered approval for acquisitions and dispositions of single family residential housing.

Barton reiterated that the Resolution limits acquisitions and demolitions to specific conditions and anything outside of those parameters would be brought to the Planning Commission for action.

Commissioner Peloquin stated that she had no concerns giving staff the requested authority based on the previous acquisitions that staff has brought to the Planning Commission for findings on consistency.

Chair Jabs asked staff if the Resolution could be repealed at a future date. Barton responded that the Planning Commission could repeal the Resolution at anytime.

M/Rublein, **S/Schuller** to approve a resolution finding that the acquisition and disposition of property for housing program purposes is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan as amended to include a review of the resolution in 90 days.

Chair Jabs requested staff provide the Planning Commission with a monthly update of properties acquired/disposed of through the housing programs.

Motion carried 4-1, C/Peloquin dissenting.

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

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Commissioner Rublein suggested the Planning Commission hold a joint work session with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to discuss expectations and direction of Planning Commission actions. The Commission supportive of this suggestion.

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## **LIAISON REPORTS**

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**None**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

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M/Peloquin, **S/Rublein** to adjourn the meeting.

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Motion carried 5-0

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at **8:27 p.m.**

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Thomas Rublein  
Secretary