

Grand Traverse Commons
Joint City of Traverse City/Garfield Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

7:00 pm

Governmental Center, Committee Room

400 Boardman Avenue

Traverse City, MI 49684

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Clark, Hale and McManus

Absent: Commissioners Estes and Warren

Staff: Kelli Springer

3. Approval of agenda - Conflict of Interest

Motion by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner McManus to approve the agenda. Upon vote, motion carried 3-0.

4. Approval of minutes

a) July 1, 2008 regular meeting (approval recommended).

Motion by Commission Clark, seconded by Commissioner McManus to approve the minutes as presented. Upon vote, motion carried 3-0.

5. Old Business

Commissioner Hale provided a brief overview regarding the July 15, 2008 minutes of the GTCRC and their formal decision to dissolve. She also informed the Commission that approximately \$25,000 was delivered today of which \$5,000 will be held until November 1, 2008

a) Review and discussion of proposed signage for the entrance to the Grand Traverse Commons.

Raymond Minervini, the Minervini Group, spoke about his sign proposal and provided letters of support from major stakeholders on the Commons along with an updated sign photo.

Discussion.

Motion by Commissioner McManus, seconded by Commission Clark to approve the sign to be located on the corner of 11th and Division Streets in concept and recommend to the City Commission for their consideration. Upon vote, motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Commissioner McManus, seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the sign to be located on the corner of 14th and Division Streets in concept and recommend to the City Commission for their consideration. Upon vote, motion carried 3-0.

- b) Status report on the way-finding signs.

Kelli Springer informed the Commission that a meeting is going to be scheduled for Thursday, August 28 between representatives from Corbin Design as well as the Wayfinding Committee to discuss options to equitably pay for the design and construction costs.

Discussion.

6. New Business

- a) Discussion with LIAA regarding the formal press release and project website.

Harry Burkholder and Heather Seyfarth of LIAA provided handouts and explained both the press release and the project website.

Discussion.

Tom Grier, Attorney for Garfield Township, commented on the structure of both documents.

Ray Minervini, The Minervini Group, provided input on the issue of cut through traffic.

- b) Begin brainstorming with LIAA regarding the concerns and components of the amended Plan.

The Commissioners expressed areas that needed consideration in regards to the new Master Plan.

Discussion.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Dated

Jan Warren, Secretary