

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

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2009
7:00 pm

Governmental Center, 2nd Floor
COUNTY COMMITTEE ROOM
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684
Posted: 2/20/09

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of the Agenda- Conflict of Interest.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a) January 27, 2009, regular meeting (approval recommended).
5. Old Business
 - a) Discussion of parking.
 - b) Discussion of treatment of land.
 - c) Discussion of master plan schedule for completion.
6. New Business
7. Public Comment
8. Adjournment

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Regular Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

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, Racine, and Warren
Absent: Commissioner Estes

Staff: Russ Soyring, Kristie McCaw, and Brian VanDenBrand

3. Approval of agenda - Conflict of Interest

4. Approval of minutes
 - a) January 6, 2009, special meeting (approval recommended).

Motion by Commission Warren, seconded by Commissioner Racine to approve the minutes as presented. Upon vote, motion carried 4-0.

5. Old Business
 - a) Discussion of parking.

Harry Burkholder, LIAA addressed the Commission

Discussion.
 - b) Discussion of treatment of land.

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6. New Business

None.

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7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dated

Jan Warren, Secretary

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2/2A/09 GTC JCL Packet
copy Harry Bultman,
LIA



January 30, 2009

Mayor Michael Estes
Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, MI 49684

Dear Mayor Estes:

Munson Medical Center has followed recent communication by your office on behalf of the Traverse City City Commission regarding integrating aspects from the Grand Vision process into the scope of work for the Division Street MDOT maintenance project this summer.

Munson Medical Center has been a Champion of the Grand Vision process and fully supports it. And we certainly recognize and support the goals you identified:

- Opportunities to slow auto traffic
- Provide safe and convenient pedestrian crossings with enhanced crosswalk markings
- Provide improved bike and pedestrian access within this corridor
- Provide an improved and safer pedestrian crossing at Grandview Parkway

We also request that, in the context of the technical analysis you have requested from Mead & Hunt, issues related to the safe transport and travel of patients and visitors to/from Munson are considered/addressed as part of any Division Street plan.

As you are aware, a transportation plan is being developed in the context of a Grand Traverse Commons Master Plan under the *Partnerships for Change Sustainable Community* grant by the Land Information Access Association. The outcome of this planning effort should be incorporated into plans for Division Street as well.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 935-6167.

Sincerely,

Steve Tongue, P.E.
VP – Facilities/Engineering

CC: Mead and Hunt Consultants
Russ Soyring, City Planner
Tim Lodge, City Engineer
Ed Ness, Munson Medical Center

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Board Chairman: David R. Adams

Director: Alton M. Shipstead

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February 3, 2009

Russ Soyring, Director
City of Traverse City Planning Department
400 Boardman Ave
Traverse City, MI 49684

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Dear Mr. Soyring,

Congratulations! The Grand Traverse Commons and its project partners the Minervini Group, Grand Traverse County Brownfield Authority, the City of Traverse City, and Garfield Township were nominated and selected by the Regional Planning Awards Review Committee to receive a **2009 Northwest Michigan Planning Award** in the **Outstanding Collaboration** category. Award winners and their families, nominators, project partners, elected officials, and planning commission members are invited to celebrate this recognition at the

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING AWARDS LUNCHEON

Friday, February 27

Noon - 1:30

*at the Waterfront Conference Center,
2061 US 31 North, Traverse City*

The Northwest Michigan Planning Awards Program is designed to highlight outstanding planning efforts in the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments region including Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford Counties. The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Board and the Planners Review and Advisory Committee offer this recognition program jointly.

I look forward to seeing you at the ceremony, and sincerely congratulate you on your success.

Please contact me directly at (231) 929-5061 to RSVP for the luncheon by Tuesday, February 24, or with questions about your award recognition.

Sincerely,

Matt McCauley
Associate Director of Regional Planning

- CC: Virginia Coulter, Chair, Grand Traverse County Brownfield Authority
- Dennis Aloja, Grand Traverse County Administrator
- John Sych, Grand Traverse County Planning Director
- Jean Derenzy, Grand Traverse County Brownfield Redevelopment
- Ben Bifoss, City Manager, City of Traverse City
- Tim Lodge, Engineer, City of Traverse City
- Chuck Korn, Supervisor, Garfield Township