

**THE PLAN COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present. Chairman James Caporusso, Patricia Letarte, Teresa Badillo, Giuliano Petrucci, Karen Special, William Thorn, Edward Cendejas Jeff Eder (Director of Community Development/Zoning Administrator) and Lisa Manzo (Secretary). Absent: None.
3. Member Special made a motion to accept the minutes of August 24, 2011 as presented. Member Special seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

Chairman Caporusso opened this meeting to the public at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Danny Sosnowski of 9633 Richard came before the members at this time. Mr. Sosnowski described his frustration that there was a 15-minute parking sign erected in front of his property the day before. He received a citation from the Police Department and showed the members. Mr. Sosnowski stated that he “wants his life back”, and demanded that this sign be removed. Mr. Eder stated that he would give Mr. Sosnowski an answer regarding the 15-minute parking signs by early next week.

Mr. Jim Winje of 9668 Pacific came before the members at this time. Mr. Winje discussed the parking situation near the pool and stated that nighttime parking is worse than daytime parking. Mr. Winje concurred that the 15-minute parking rules are ludicrous and that Gage Street should have parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Winje stated that some solution should be thought of for this parking problem and tested to see if it will work.

Public session ended at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Eder came forward and discussion the staff changes that have taken place within the last few weeks. Mr. Eder will focus on the Economic Development side and Carmen Cupello was appointed Building Director and focus on the Building side.

The members displayed their frustration that many of the topics and agenda items that have been discussed over the last few months have been left stagnant. Chairman Caporusso stated that any memo that goes out from staff should have all the Plan Commission Members copied (“cc”) on such correspondence.

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Chairman Caporusso stated that due to the numerous changes that have taken place, the members should focus on the agenda at hand and begin with item number one. He continued that item number two shall be moved to the next meeting.

#### 4. New Business: Parking Plan, Subarea #1- West Mannheim Residential Area

Chairman Caporusso stated that there have been meetings with the contact people from this area to discuss different ways in which to help them alleviate the parking problem. Chairman Caporusso discussed that there should be an association formed.

Chairman Caporusso stated that a recommendation should be made to Barrett from this board that the members of WMRA shall have an association created. He asked Mr. Eder to set this up with the Mayor.

Member Letarte mentioned that this board be pro-active rather than re-active.

The members discussed a number of vacant lots within the WMRA area that could be a possibility of being used for this purpose.

Jim Winje discussed the pool parking situation and the small parking lot that the pool uses to park during the summer. The members discussed that contact was supposed to be made with the park district commissioners and see what their input was. Member Letarte stated that Mark Cwik, a park district commissioner, who is also on the Zoning Board, should be present at the next meeting of the Plan Commission to discuss this issue. Chairman Caporusso mentioned that he would be in contact with Joe Zinga as well.

Member Letarte made a motion to table sub-item 2 on the agenda to the next meeting of October 26, 2011 so that Mr. Eder can catch up. Member Badillo seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Chairman James Caporusso-Yes, Patricia Letarte-Yes, Teresa Badillo-Yes, Giuliano Petrucci-Yes, Karen Special-Yes, Edward Cendejas-Yes, William Thorn-Yes. All in favor. Seven (7) Ayes, Zero (0) Nays, Zero (0) Absent. The motion was carried.

Mr. Eder mentioned to the commission members that the Village has been awarded a grant to have a consultant come to town and assess certain areas of the Village. The members discussed the site at Franklin and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and what should be constructed there.

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Mr. Eder discussed that an apartment complex can be built on the site as well as a senior complex that would be privately owned.

Mr. Eder discussed bringing back the T.O.D. study for the members to take a look at and re-address and review.

### **5. Old Business.**

Chairman Caporusso stated that there were some issues he wanted to discuss. One issue was that he wanted to have Jeff move forward with hiring the consultants to address the Mannheim Road and Grand Avenue corridor. Mr. Eder stated that there was money in his budget for this.

Member Letarte asked Mr. Eder if the funds in his budget were needed for a project that should take precedence over the Mannheim and Grand study. Mr. Eder stated no.

Mr. Eder distributed a copy of the Market Study/Commercial Revitalization Strategy to the members at this time.

Chairman Caporusso stated that he was extremely adamant in getting the Mannheim and Grand Avenue study done immediately.

Chairman Caporusso stated that he is recommending that the orange sign on the face of the 9401 Grand Avenue building be removed immediately. Mr. Eder stated that he asked the bank to remove it to no avail.

The members discussed the Fresh Express property and other properties along Grand Avenue.

Chairman Caporusso asked Mr. Eder about the map that was to outline all the areas where 15-minute parking signs were erected that Mr. Harris highlighted; should these signs be removed? Chairman continued to ask if Mr. Harris met with the Police Chief to discuss these areas?

Chairman Caporusso asked Mr. Eder to ask the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Joe Lauro if these 15-minute parking signs should still exist or can they be removed. Chairman is requesting that they be removed and this request shall go to the Village Board.

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Chairman Caporusso asked Mr. Eder to please give a map of Franklin Park to each Plan Commission member outlining the parking restrictions for item number two on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chairman Caporusso asked Mr. Eder to please give the members any complaints, emails, phone calls, etc. of any issues regarding the parking problems in that area from Chestnut all the way to Mannheim Road from the Fire, Street and Police Department. Do those departments have any issues regarding this as well? Chairman asked Mr. Eder to please discuss this with Police, Fire and Street/Water Department as well.

Member Letarte asked if Jeff needs any help in fulfilling these requests. Mr. Eder stated that his intern, Patrick will be doing a lot of the field research, and start attending the meetings as well.

Mr. Eder discussed the Plan Commission training session that took place in Northlake and asked for some feedback. Chairman and Member Badillo attended this, and they found it informative, however, it was all material that they were already putting into practice during the Plan Commission meetings. They mentioned that there is a second meeting scheduled.

The members discussed the vehicle sticker issue in town and residential parking on the streets in their neighborhoods.

The members discussed if there was an ordinance for parking work trucks in the residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Eder informed the members that if there were any other topics for discussion, to please let him know. Chairman stated that the members need to address one problem area at a time, then move on to something new.

Chairman Caporusso stated that there have been discussions between the High School and the Village. Mr. Eder stated that there will be a special meeting regarding this. He stated that it would be by invitation only. There was discussion as to if the school has permit parking stickers for their students to park.

Member Thorn discussed that there was a permit sticker at one time that looked like a small blue house. The members were concerned after the fields were constructed, if the parking would be more of a problem.

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Chairman Caporusso stated that once the fields are built, will there be even more traffic because teams will be coming in from other areas to use the field? Chairman stated that the members need to be informed of the results of that special meeting regarding the high school and the parking.

The members were disheartened that several recommendations and issues have not been addressed in the past year. Member Letarte mentioned the fact there was one or two letters/memos drawn up and wondered if anything was done with them. Member Letarte will give Mr. Eder copies if he didn't have them.

6. Member Letarte made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Petrucci. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Manzo  
Secretary