CITY PLAN COMMISSION
MARSHFIELD, WISCONSIN
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chairman Meyer at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall Plaza.

PRESENT: Mayor Meyer, Karen Woodford, Trish Siegler, Dave Korth, John Beck, Ed Wagner and Dan Knoeck
EXCUSED: None
ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Brehm; Planning and Economic Development Director Angell**;** Planning and Economic Development Intern Kottwitz; Sue Poole – Shirley's House of Hope; Dennis Boucher; Gary Gray; and others.

PUBLIC HEARING – Conditional Use request by Julie Cravillion to exceed the maximum height limitation for fences (6-feet) in the 'R-6' Medium High Density District for a proposed 8-foot high fence at 1316 North Hume Avenue, Building E.
FOR: Sue Poole, Executive Director of Shirley's House of Hope and representing the applicant, stated that an 8-foot fence seems to be the standard for domestic shelters.
AGAINST: Dennis Boucher, owner of three of the surrounding buildings, is concerned with the appearance of the high fence. He is not sure an 8-foot fence provides any more security than a 6-foot fence. He is also concerned about the possible impact to snow removal as he plows the private road that serves the site.
PC09-28 Motion by Wagner, second by Woodford to recommend approval of the conditional use request by Julie Cravillion to exceed the maximum height limitation for fences (6-feet) in the 'R-6' Medium High Density District for a proposed 8-foot high fence at 1316 North Hume Avenue, Building E, contingent upon the following:

- Should the use of the property change, or the business abandons the property, the fence shall be removed or reduced in height, not to exceed 6-feet.

All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance No. 1157 – Amendments to Section 18-04(6)(a) related to major street setback averaging provisions.
Gary Gray, 507 West Park Street, stated that he is not in favor or against the proposed ordinance. He asked what happens if only three or four lots are available for averaging. The proposed ordinance allows for up to five lots to get the average.
FOR: None
AGAINST: None
PC09-29 Motion by Siegler, second by Beck to recommend approval of Proposed Ordinance No. 1157 – Amendments to Section 18-04(6)(a) related to major street setback averaging provisions and refer to the Common Council for consideration.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Ordinance No. 1158 – Amendments to Section 18-35(2) related to variance findings.
FOR: None
AGAINST: None
Alderman Wagner raised concern with the requirement that all three variance criteria must be met. Specifically, he is concerned with Condition 'b' and how the term "unique" will be applied. Commissioner Woodford suggested that either Condition 'a' or 'b' must be met and Condition 'c' must be met.

PC09-30 Motion by Wagner, second by Siegler to recommend that Proposed Ordinance No. 1158 be tabled to a future meeting to allow staff to wordsmith the language, review against state statutes and discuss with City Attorney.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Updates - None

Motion by Korth, second by Beck that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 PM.
All 'Ayes' Motion Carried

Daniel G. Knoeck, Secretary
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