

# MINUTES

August 03, 2010

---

Official minutes of the regular meeting of the Two Harbors Planning Commission held August 03, 2010 in the City Council Chambers at 522 First Avenue, Two Harbors.

Present: Scheidt, Zastera, Kari, Simonson, McDonald, Davidson, Detlefsen (7)  
Absent: Kittilson, Senst (2)  
Others Present: Bergstad [ARDC]

Chair Zastera called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

## Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Kari, Davidson to approve agenda amended.** Motion approved by all members present and voting.

## Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Kari, Scheidt to approve July 20, 2010 minutes as amended.** Motion approved by all members present and voting.

## Reports

Bergstad reported that he had spoken with Todd Campbell, Mn/DOT Highway 61 corridor manager, about the lack of a do not enter sign /no outlet sign at the access road near Culver's. Campbell did not believe the road was a Mn/DOT road and would check to see what the status was in if Mn/DOT could install a sign. Bergstad reported that it might be best to formally refer the issue to the Two Harbors Safety Committee.

Bergstad reported that a semi-truck was parked on the side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the purpose of political advertising. The owner had contact the Police Department to see if that was allowed. The Police Department was going to inform the person that it was not allowed by City or Mn/DOT regulations.

Bergstad presented report of the condition of distressed properties in Two Harbors. The report was based on information received from the City Building Official and recommendations by Bergstad. The Planning Commission discussed how this issue affected Comprehensive Plan goals.

Detlefsen Reported that Duluth was also dealing with distressed properties and that an article on that City's efforts recently appeared in the Duluth News Tribune.

Detlefsen reported that the City Council had decided to request \$900,000 in the next state bonding bill to complete the City Campground. The Council decided to make a request of \$12 Million in the following state bonding bill to complete the DNR Marina. The City will also work with the federal government to secure \$12 Million in federal funding for the project.

Detlefsen reported that the County was holding a public hearing on a 30 day or less rental ordinance.

## Old Business

### **a. NSSD Council and Byway Communities Letter**

**Motion McDonald, Davidson to recommend the City Council approve a proposed letter to the North Shore Scenic Drive Council and NSSD Byways Communities asking for support of Two Harbors' efforts to ask Mn/DOT and FHWA to change off-premise signage regulations along scenic byways to allow communities to develop their own off-premise signage programs.** Motion approved by all members present and voting.

## **Comprehensive Plan**

### **a. Comprehensive Plan Presentation**

Bergstad presented an overview of housing, land use, and economic development issues, goals, and recommendations. The Planning Commission discussed land needs for housing to meet population goals. A copy of the presentation, amended to reflect Planning Commission discussion, is available online at [www.arrowheadplanning.org/twoharbors](http://www.arrowheadplanning.org/twoharbors).

The Planning Commission asked Bergstad to research specific action items related to the goal of revitalizing the downtown business district include public financing assistance to improve private property.

## **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held August 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers.

**Motion by Scheidt, McDonald to adjourn.** Motion approved by all members present and voting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.