

DES MOINES PLANNING AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

September 14, 2009

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Polwarth called to order the Special Meeting of the Des Moines Planning Agency in the City Council Chambers, 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite B.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Agency Member Newman.

ROLL CALL—Present: Chair Polwarth, Vice Chair Bekkerus, Agency Members Riecks, Hoel and Newman. Staff included Development Services Manager Robert Ruth, Planning Manager Denise Lathrop and Planning Agency Clerk David Steen. Manager Ruth reported that Agency Members Savage and Prindle had contacted him before the meeting to report they would be unable to attend because of business responsibilities.

MINUTES—Draft Minutes from Planning Agency Meetings on April 6, June 15, and July 13, 2009 were available for review. A correction was made to the Roll Call information for the July 13 meeting.

MOTION by Chair Polwarth, seconded by Agency Member Hoel, and passed unanimously to adopt the minutes from the July 13, 2009 meeting as amended, and the minutes from the April 6, 2009 and the June 15, 2009 meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE: Development Services Manager Ruth reported that all Agency Members, as well as City Council Members, had received similar letters from Traci Buxton, expressing her opposition to the SCORE project process. He also reminded the Agency of the training opportunity coming up at Normandy Park and encouraged Agency Members to take advantage of it.

NEW BUSINESS

--Public Hearing: 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Planning Manager Denise Lathrop presented seven amendments proposed for the Comprehensive Plan this year along with edits from City Council Members who had already done some preliminary review of the amendments.

At this time Chair Polwarth read the appropriate instructions regarding the rules of a Public Hearing. He then asked three times each for comments from proponents and opponents of the proposed amendments. There were no public comments. He then declared the Public Hearing closed.

MOTION by Vice Chair Bekkerus, seconded by Chair Polwarth, that the Planning Agency recommend that City Council adopt the proposed 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2009-1 through 2009-7.

MOTION by Agency Member Newman, seconded by Chair Polwarth, and passed 4 to 1 (Agency Member Riecks opposed), to recommend deleting the word “historic” and inserting the word “civic” in its place in Proposed Amendment 2009-5 at the first line of the “Vision Statement for the Downtown Marina District” (p. 10 of Attachment 1 of this Agenda Item).

VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: The Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE: No meeting expected in October.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Chair Polwarth, seconded by Agency Member Hoel, and passed unanimously, to adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Steen, Agency Clerk