

**MINUTES
TRAVERSE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007
7:00 P.M.
Commission Chambers
Governmental Center, 2nd Floor
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

PRESENT: Commissioners Bergman, Easterday, Hoekje, McNally, Smyka,
Warren and Wilmeth.

ABSENT: Commissioners Lewis and Stow

STAFF PRESENT: Russ Soyring and Kelli Schroeder

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. CHAIRWOMAN APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Appointment of Commissioner Wilmeth to the City Plan Subcommittee by Chairwoman Warren.

3. RECOMMENDATION OF MEMBERSHIP ON THE GRAND TRAVERSE COMMONS JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION - 1 YEAR AND 2 YEAR TERMS.

Russ Soyring explained the request.

Commissioners Warren, Hoekje and Easterday expressed interest in being appointed to the Joint Planning Commission. However, the Commission requested that staff review with City Attorney on how expiration of Planning Commission term would effect appointment on the Joint Planning Commission.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS IN APRIL

Because of the spring break holiday, the Commission requested that the Planning Commission regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2007 be changed to Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING "MEGA HOUSING" WITHIN THE CITY

Russ Soyring explained the issue of "mega housing" that is occurring throughout the country.

Discussion.

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The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Paul Newhouse, 532 6th Street.
Michael Wills, 524 6th Street.
Carol Hale, 240 Washington Street.
Jim Carruthers, 218 West 11th Street.

A subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Smyka and Wilmeth and a member of the public, Michael Wills, was created to look into the issue further.

6. DISCUSSION OF A POTENTIAL FENCE ORDINANCE

Discussion.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

Carol Hale, 240 Washington Street.
Jim Carruthers, 218 West 11th Street.
Kathy Dimercurio, 535 6th Street.
Adrienne Rossi, 312 West 7th Street.
Paul Newhouse, 532 6th Street.

The "mega housing" subcommittee will include this issue in their analysis.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING R-2 ZONING IN AREAS WITH LOT SIZES LESS THAN 8000 SQUARE FEET

Discussion.

The Commission requested that staff prepare language for an ordinance amendment to be presented for introduction at the next regular meeting on March 7, 2007.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wills, 524 6th Street.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: _____

Jeanine Easterday, Secretary