

**City of South Lyon
Planning Commission Meeting**

March 24, 2011

Chairperson Weipert called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PRESENT: Commissioners, Mosier, Lanam, Weipert, Bradley, Kurtzweil, Chaundy, Leimbach and Culbertson were present. Commissioner Chubb was excused.

Also present were Ben Tallerico (Planning Consultant), Dave Murphy, City Manager, and Kristen Delaney, Director of Community and Economic Development.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mosier, supported by Kurtzweil

To approve the Agenda March 24, 2011 as amended.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Bradley, supported by Mosier

To approve the Minutes for February 24, 2011 as amended.

VOTE

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Yodan Rofe and Five Students

Don Beagle of the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) Design Committee introduced Professor Yodan Rofe from the University of Michigan Urban Planning Program.

Professor Rofe presented the results of the study five graduate students completed on the city of South Lyon title “Designing for Interconnectivity Between People and Place”.

Randy Clark noted at the end of the presentation that this was a vision of what was possible down the road. Weipert noted it reminded her of Italy.

There was a general discussion regarding the concept of shared space designs for cities. Rofe noted that complete streets would work better for South Lyon at this point in time and would benefit the town without much difficulty in implementation. This would not have to be a long-term vision because small steps could be taken to move forward in pieces. Tallerico noted they Planning Commission had been looking at complete streets.

Kurtzweil stated that the study might not necessarily have received a full picture because the meetings were not well populated by residents who live in the downtown. Are people in the suburbs not coming downtown because it is not walk able? The regional trend, economic trend, is moving away from downtowns. What needs to be done to attract the businesses to come to the downtown?

Culbertson asked what the DDA thinks they will do after this?

Gary Fagin stated they were trying to get people excited and working together one step at a time.

There was a general discussion regarding the Master Plan and future land use revisions that the Planning Commission will be working on in the next several months.

TABLED ITEMS

Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance
Complete Streets & Safe Routes to School
Annual Retreat

PLANNING CONSULTANT REPORT

Tallerico will present updates on new state and federal laws in April.

STAFF REPORTS

There was a general discussion regarding the signs in use throughout the city and the enforcement of temporary sign ordinances.

Murphy provided an update on Gateway Plaza.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Culbertson supported by Bradley

To adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

VOTE

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Pam Weipert, Chairperson

Jennifer Knapp, Recording Secretary

Keith Bradley, Secretary

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