

**City of South Lyon  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2017**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Lanam at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call:        Scott Lanam, Chair  
                     Keith Bradley, Vice Chair  
                     Steve Mosier, Commissioner  
                     Wayne Chubb, Commissioner  
                     Jason Rose, Commissioner  
                     Erin Kopkowski, Commissioner

Absent:            Mike Joseph, Commissioner, Excused

Also Present:    Kelly McIntyre, Planning Consultant  
                     Judy Pieper, Deputy Clerk

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to approve Agenda as presented  
Motion by Bradley, Second by Mosier**

Voice Vote:    Ayes: Unanimous  
                     Nays: None

**Motion Approved**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by Mosier, Second by Chubb**

Voice Vote:    Ayes: Unanimous  
                     Nays: None

**Motion Approved**

**Public Comments:** Carl Richards, 390 Lenox, South Lyon, Michigan

Mr. Richards begins by thanking the commission for their comments on winning his spot on the election. He is hoping to accomplish a lot in the next four years, and feels his main purpose is to add stability to the council and help it run smoothly. He states that he would like a copy of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes, if possible.

Richards goes on to question if it is appropriate to speak at commission meetings now that he is on Council. But he certainly plans on attending the meetings. Commissioner Mosier states that once Richards is on Council, he is not allowed to speak on anything that they are discussing. Richards goes on to state, that this will be his last appearance at the comments and maybe someday when this is all over, he will request to be on the (Planning) Commission.

Richards goes on to state where he stands on a few things. There has been talk of a change on this commission, from a nine member to a seven member commission. Chairman Lanam advised Richards that this change has already gone through and it is now a seven member board. Richards states that he was going to say that he is against the change, and if the commission wants to go back to a nine member board, he would not oppose it. Lanam goes on to explain to Richards that they could not keep enough people to stay at nine. Vice-Chair Bradley adds that it made it very hard to get a quorum when we were at nine.

Richard goes on to state that he would like to look at changes that people are going to propose. He would also like to have work shop sessions and has suggested this to the new mayor. These are essential to us being able to say as a council here's the issues that we propose to be priority. One of those issues may or may not be the Planning Commission. Richards goes on to state that something has got to change. The way that it functions, the whole thing. He goes on to say that he is sorry to say that the Planning Commission is one of the weakest links in the City government at this time. He hopes to play a part in making this commission what it should be, as it is arguably the most important commission in the city. More so than Parks and Rec and Historical Commission and Arts and Crafts. He states that the Planning Commission makes decision that involves the future of the town and it involves large volumes of money invested by people that have their own interest in mind and not the city of South Lyon interest.

He goes on to say that we all work together to guide things and prevent disasters, which he states he has been doing for several years. He goes on to wish everyone the best.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business**

**1. Elect a new secretary**

Commissioner Mosier volunteers for the secretary position

**Motion to nominate Commissioner Mosier as the new Secretary of the Planning Commission**

**Motion by Bradley, Second by Chubb**

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous  
Nays: None

**Motion Approved**

**Planning Consultant Report**

Planning Consultant, Kelly McIntyre, states that she is going over the last of the Zoning Ordinance with the intentions to have a Public Hearing in January. Commissioner Chubb asks if there are any outstanding questions. McIntyre states that they have not gone through everything yet.

The discussion continues regarding Alexander's and their FOIA request. McIntyre states that they want to go on to ZBA, for some type of variance request, but not sure what for. Commissioner Mosier states that no maintenance that has been suggested, meaning the things that the Commission had added from the original site plan pertaining to the North side of the building has not been done.

**Staff Report**

Contact information was updated for Commissioner's.

**Adjournment**

**Approval to Adjourn**

**Motion by Bradley, Second by Kopkowski**

Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous  
Nays: None

**Motion Approved – Meeting Adjourned – 7:28 p.m.**

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Scott Lanam, Chairman

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Judy Pieper, Recording Secretary

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Steve Mosier, Secretary