

**Planning Commission Minutes  
February 25, 2010**

**Call to Order:**

The February 25, 2010 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Herminath.

**Adopt Agenda:**

Motion by Gabert, second by Renning to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 5/0

**Roll Call:**

Those in attendance were Herminath, Renning, Gabert, Spilman, and Thompson. Gruetzmacher, Noel and Henke - excused.

Others in attendance: Hanlon, Robert Besaw (1st District Alderman), Ron Steinhorst, Ann Hunt, Sue Krejcarek, and Diane Dorow.

**Approval of Minutes from 01-27-10:**

Motion by Spilman, second by Thompson to approve the minutes of 01-27-10 meeting as presented. Motion carried. 5/0

**Library Board – Preliminary Discussion on Possible Location for New Facility:**

Ron Steinhorst presented an update on the library's needs and where they are in the selection process for a new library site. The 2002 space and needs study had a projected service population of 13,500. A similar study completed in 2009 showed a drop in the projected service population to 11,900. This equates to a need for a 27,600 square foot facility with parking for 72 vehicles, which would encompass approximately one city block. The library board has had several scenarios presented to them by the architect and is in favor of the one that calls for a single story building with parking located on a single block. No action taken.

**Review Recommendations for Planning Commission Projects in 2010:**

Hanlon informed the members that copies of the proposed draft of the Downtown Development Guidelines have been distributed to Forward New London and Economic Development Committee for their comments. After the comments are received, the Planning Commission will review them and put the document in final draft for Public Hearing and adoption. Renning suggested that as the Planning Commission moves through the implementation process any areas that need extra work be assigned to a sub-committee. Thompson suggested the Planning Commission meet with the Council in July or August to discuss Commission needs for budgeting funds to be used by the Planning Commission and discuss required actions by the Council as directed in the implementation process of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Copmare Land Use Plans from Surrounding Townships:**

Members compared the future land use maps of the surrounding townships to the City's future land use map and found that for the most part all are in agreement with the exception of the area directly North of the City along the West side of County T in the Town of Lebanon, where the Town has designated the area as rural commercial / industrial and the City had designated the area as future residential. No action taken.

**Status Report on Official City Map and Zoning Map Updates:**

Hanlon reported that about ½ of the Official City Map has been reviewed and he will continue to proceed with that as time allows. The changes to the zoning map have not been made at this time.

**Discuss the Draft of Chapter 15 Housing and Fair Housing Code:**

Copies of the existing Chapter 15 and the Draft Copies of the new version were given to the members to review for the March meeting.

**Other Matters:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Gabert, second by Renning to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by Chairman Herminath.