

PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes
March 20, 2008

I. ROLL CALL

Fred Walstrom	Present
Andrew Bowman	Absent
Jack Deegan	Absent
Jeff Ford	Present
Mary Ellen Hughes	Present
Laura Kors	Present
Sheryl McCleery	Present
Sara Smith	Absent

There is one vacancy on the Commission.

Also present were City Planner Larry Nix and City Manager Fred Geuder.

Chair Fred Walstrom called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

II. MINUTES

Motion by Kors, seconded by Hughes, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2008, regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

IV. NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of SPR-2008-02, Boat Dockage Plan, Graham Family, 460 E. Bay

Tom Graham noted that the family partnership was requesting the addition of four boat slips, which could be rented out or used by the family. The docks would be on bottomlands owned by the Graham family; no bottomlands lease would be required.

Graham also noted that two areas would be dredged to accommodate the new floating docks, and he did note that the dredging went somewhat to the west of the property by Ford Park.

The City Manager noted that the Harbor Commission had reviewed the entire plan, including the dredging, and had been in support.

Walstrom noted that removing any underwater rock obstructions as part of such a plan was usually a good idea.

Graham also noted that their plan included the development of six parking places, two of which are designated as required by the Zoning Code for parking for the four slips that could be used commercially. Graham noted that a cedar clump would come down where the parking would be built, but that would actually improve the view toward the water from Bay Street.

Graham also noted that the driveway entrance would be relocated to the center of the property and the cedar hedge (which is kept trimmed) would be moved back by the parking area, which would make for safer exit from the parking area.

Planner Larry Nix asked Graham what utilities would be run to the new docks. Graham noted that electricity and water would be extended, but not sewer.

Nix stated that he felt the plan adequately met the zoning code and would work well. He did not have a problem with the plan.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by McCleery, to approve SPR-2008-02, the boat dockage plan (dated 2-7-08) as presented.

Walstrom noted that he may end up being the dredging contractor, but that he did not have a contract. The remainder of the Commission did not object to having Walstrom participate in the vote.

The Commission then voted on the motion.

Ayes: Hughes, Kors, McCleery, Walstrom, Ford

Nays: None

Motion adopted, 5-0.

B. Zoning Code Discussion

In that only five members of the Commission were present, discussion on Zoning Code amendments was deferred.

V. Member Comments

Kors asked the Commission if there were any suggestions for an appointment to the Planning Commission.

Hughes and Ford both suggested Paul Heneks, who owns property on East Bay Street, or Dennis Wiggins, who lives on Second Street. They felt either one would be an asset to the Commission.

VI. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for April 17, 2008.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Frederick W. Geuder, City Manager