

**Alma Planning Commission
November 6, 2007 Regular Meeting**

Chairperson Lambrecht called the regular meeting of the Alma Planning Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Lambrecht, Wheeler, Nyman, Moes, Moore, Pellerito & Knarr
Absent: Stone & Walkington

A motion was made by Nyman, supported by Pellerito to approve the October 2, 2007 meeting minutes.

Yes: Lambrecht, Wheeler, Nyman, Moes, Moore, Pellerito & Knarr
No: None

Master Plan 5 Year Review

Chairperson Lambrecht opened this item of business for discussion. In 2002, the Michigan Legislature amended the Municipal Planning Act, PA 285 of 1931. This Act now requires each community to review its Master Plan every five years to determine if it needs to be amended or if it is time to institute the process for a new Master Plan. The current Master Plan was adopted in December, 2002.

Secretary Dan Stasa briefed the Commission on this issue. Mr. Stasa noted that no action was being requested at this meeting. It was recommended that all members review the Master Plan over the next month and this issue will be formally scheduled for the December 2007 meeting. All members present concurred with this course of action.

Special Meeting Request

Chairperson Lambrecht opened this item of business for discussion. A request for a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2007 has been received. The meeting is proposed to be a joint session with the Planning Commissions of Arcada Township, Pine River Township along with the Planning Commissions of the Cities of Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis. The meeting site will be at Shifters and is proposed to start with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. The formal meeting is proposed to start at 7:30 p.m. Action is required to set this date and time for the Special Meeting.

Member/City Manager Phil Moore briefed the members on this issue. Mr. Moore noted that this request is an extension of the work that started with the Act 425 Land Transfer Agreement between the Cities of Alma and St. Louis and Pine River Township. One possible outcome of this venture could be a single, combined Master Plan for the local units of government that participate. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Nyman and supported by Moore to set a Special Meeting of the Alma Planning Commission for Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 6:30 pm. This meeting is to be held at Shifters Restaurant, 3130 W. Monroe Rd., Alma, MI. The purpose of this meeting is as stated above.

Yes: Lambrecht, Wheeler, Nyman, Moes, Moore, Pellerito & Knarr
No: None

Other Business

Hearing no further business, Chairperson Lambrecht adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

M. Daniel Stasa, Secretary
Alma Planning Commission