

**Alma Planning Commission  
November 3, 2008 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.

Members Present: Lambrecht, Nyman, Moore, Ayers, Pellerito, Boyce, Koutz, & Royer  
Absent: Wheeler

A motion was made by Nyman and supported by Pellerito, to approve the October 06, 2008 Planning Commission minutes.

Yes: Lambrecht, Nyman, Moore, Ayers, Pellerito, Boyce, Koutz, & Royer  
No.: None

**Landscape Review – Alma College**

Chairperson Lambrecht opened this item of business for discussion. Members Nyman and Boyce excused themselves from this discussion due to a conflict of interest by being employed by Alma College.

Mr. Dan Stasa, Secretary, explained the purpose of the review. Mr. Stasa reviewed the issues that are applicable to the Planning Commission and what items will require Planning Commission action.

Mr. Bob Boyce, Director of Physical Plant for Alma College presented the information on this project. Mr. Boyce noted that the College would lengthen the proposed parking spaces to 18½ feet so that a variance would not be required. Mr. Boyce also noted that the College will extend the landscape buffer from the daycare center along the east boundary to the apartment complex. Finally, Mr. Boyce stated that additional lighting will be installed along Grant St. to insure that adequate lighting exists in the area. Questions followed.

A motion was made by Koutz and supported by Pellerito to approve the Landscape Review submitted by Alma College in regards to the Hogan Center Expansion Project. This approval is contingent upon the following:

1. Approval of the Landscape Review should be based upon compliance with any comments from the Public Services Director.
2. Any approval of the Landscape Review by the Planning Commission shall be contingent upon the applicant obtaining a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals in regards to the number of required off-street parking spaces.
3. The applicant agrees to lengthen the proposed parking spaces to the required length of 18½ feet.
4. Staff notes that no proposed or existing lighting is shown for the parking areas proposed along Grant St. The applicant agrees that adequate lighting for these areas must be provided and will be installed.
5. A screening wall or landscape buffer shall be required along the eastern boundary between the College and the apartment complex. The applicant agrees to extend the existing landscape buffer for the daycare center parking to the east along the length of the apartment complex.
6. The Planning Commission agrees to waive the requirement for landscaping around the proposed parking area east of the railroad tracks.

Yes: Lambrecht, Moore, Wheeler, Ayers, Pellerito, Koutz, & Royer  
No: None  
Abstain: Nyman & Boyce due to a conflict of interest by being employed by Alma College

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**Other Business**

Mr. Phillip Moore discussed the Regional Planning effort. He noted that starting on December 01, 2008 a series of meetings will be taking place. All are encouraged to attend.

Member Marcia Royer asked what this process is. Mr. Moore explained.

Mr. Stasa briefed the Planning Commission members on the topic of “wood burners”. Discussion followed.

Being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Lambrecht adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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M. Daniel Stasa, Secretary  
Alma Planning Commission