

Present: Chairperson Fox; Vice-Chairperson Domzal; Members: Belaustegui, Borowski, Jensen, Smith and Tillman.

Absent: Bliven

Also Present: Planning consultants, Birchler and Wyrosdick

Chairperson Fox called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as published.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA

There was no one present in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES OF A JOINT COUNCIL AND PLANNING BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2000

The following corrections were made to the minutes. On page 7, third paragraph from the bottom, the last sentence should read, "Smith is investigating this matter with Michael Porter, Vice-President of Public Relations for Detroit Edison". On page 10, second paragraph from the top, line 3, change word "hazard" to read "haphazard".

There was reference made to wording on page 10 indicating that the Planning Board will not be looking at zoning changes in conjunction with the Southfield Road corridor study. Fox asked that the first sentence of paragraph 4 on page 10 be corrected to read, "The Planning Board will consider a more detailed and better use of the property on Southfield Road... etc."

MOTION by Borowski, supported by Domzal, to approve the minutes of a Joint Council and Planning Board meeting held on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 as amended.

Motion passes unanimously.

PATHWAY PLAN - REVIEW OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION COMMENTS

The Planning Board reviewed and assessed the public discussion of the pathway plan that took place at its October 25 meeting. The board also commented on Council's response to the pathway plan following its presentation at a joint meeting of the Planning Board and Council held on November 8, 2000.

Planning Board members were encouraged by the response from the public to the pathway plan and their interest in seeing something happen with sidewalks. There was concern about the implementation of the plan. It was proposed that steps should be taken to work with homeowner associations that have expressed an interest in having sidewalks in their area. Planning Board members would like to work with Council to get part of this job done, particularly in terms of the safety related aspects of the plan.

Board members suggested that the Planning Board recommend that Council adopt the pathway plan as an update to the Village master plan. There was some discussion relative to Council's adoption of the current master plan in 1998.

Planning consultant Birchler stated that, if the Council adopts the pathway plan as a functional plan for sidewalks, it is a part of the Village's master plan under the statute. There does not have to be a formal incorporation of the pathway plan into the master plan. Birchler informed the Planning Board of a new coordinated planning act that will be introduced to the Legislature in January and is expected to pass in the spring. Additional information on the proposed legislation will be provided to the board in a newsletter from Birchler Arroyo.

Problems with funding the plan were discussed. Beverly Hills is experiencing a declining ability to make infrastructure improvements due to the effects of Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment on

the Village millage cap. It was suggested that the Village will not be able to afford implementation of this plan without a millage increase. It was the opinion of some board members that a Village-wide millage proposal to fund these improvements would not pass and that sidewalks would have to be undertaken on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis.

Smith noted that there are no Council or administrative liaisons present at tonight's meeting. He suggested that the Planning Board recommend to Council that it designate a subcommittee to work with a committee of Council on any aspects of the plan that are outstanding following submission of the pathway plan to Council.

Fox referred to several specific suggestions made by the public and Council members during the public discussion of the pathway plan. Several residents suggested extending sections of sidewalk designated as principle recommendations in the plan. The suggestion was made to be more specific about intersection and crosswalk design and about the nature of the pathway recommended on Evergreen Road between Douglas Evans and the existing sidewalk on the west side of Evergreen. Fox proposes that the Planning Board, with the assistance of the consultant, address these issues at the next meeting in order to arrive at a final plan.

Board members discussed eliminating the priorities from the pathway plan but including an addendum that indicates projects that have the most needed impact and suggests steps that might be taken. The Planning Board will develop a letter and an addendum that will accompany the pathway plan. The presentation of the plan to Council was discussed. The Planning Board has had previous conversations about the need to be more formal with respect to major recommendations made to the Village Council.

INITIATE PLANNING PROCESS FOR FOURTEEN MILE ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

MOTION by Belaustegui, supported by Borowski, to table discussion of this agenda item.
Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION by Borowski, supported by Tillman, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.
Motion passes unanimously.

Carry over items:

- 1 - Entranceway signs (10-27-99)
- 2 - Pathway Plan (11-11-99).
- 3 - Fourteen Mile Road Corridor Study (10-11-00).

**Sharon Mullin Fox, chairperson
Planning Board**

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**