

CITY OF INKSTER
PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Inkster Planning Commission was held on March 25, 2013 in the Inkster City Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan.

A quorum was reached. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairman Davis, Commissioner Wells, Secretary Thomas, Chairman Brown, and Commissioner Hendricks

Absent: Commissioners Garrett, Hampton, Manier, and Chastang

Others in attendance: Mark D. Lloyd, Director of Community Development
Saidia F. Johnson, Planning Division Secretary

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Hendricks, Seconded by Wells to adopt the agenda with any necessary corrections. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013

MOVED by Wells, Seconded by Davis to postpone action until the next regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Trust Fund Grant
Application – Inkster Greenway Phase III

MOVED by Hendricks, Seconded by Davis to open the public hearing. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

Mr. Lloyd gave presentation. Presentation highlights included informing the Commission that as part of MDNR's requirement for the grant, a public hearing is necessary; tonight's public hearing has been properly published and posted in accordance with MDNR's requirements; the project consists of a 4½ mile long, 15 feet wide, paved surface along the Rouge River from Beech Daly to Henry Ruff Road; it is designed to be constructed in four components; the proposed grant application is to request funding for the Phase III component, which extends from Justine to Middlebelt Road and north along Middlebelt Road to the parks and recreation center; the total cost of the project is \$2.5 million; grant funding for Phases I and II have been received approved by MDNR and MDOT; and plans and specifications for the bridge to be installed over the river are being reviewed.

Discussions ensued regarding the project. Highlights included identification of the area of each site; amounts of grants; planned over the rode connector with signalized crossing light and under-the-rode crossing at Middlebelt Road; adjacent cities to the east and west being connected to the project; on-street pathways on Michigan Avenue; tree plan; the river contains dead trees that reroute the flow of the river; the flow of the river is not affiliated with this project; in which year would each Phase be constructed; efforts to minimize cost; authorization to submit the application is required by City Council; and managing the water flow. In conclusion, Mr. Lloyd indicated that receiving this grant would depend on how fast the City gets reimbursed through the existing grants.

The Commission requested that the staff look into what agency is responsible for managing the water flow of the River Rouge in order to resolve the flow problem.

After discussions, **MOVED** by Hendricks, Seconded by Wells to close the public hearing. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Land Use – Residential Districts Discussion

Mr. Lloyd led discussions regarding permitting duplex and four-plex structures in single family districts and ideas of establishing ways to facilitate our options to promote development. Mr. Lloyd invited representatives from the Commission to participate in the aforementioned endeavor. Volunteers included Commissioners Wells and Davis. The Commission requested the staff to provide the number of rental units and Section 8 participants that are located in Inkster.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed or conducted.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Lloyd informed the Commission that the Mayor's State of the City Address will be given this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the parks and recreation center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:35 p.m.

MOVED by Hendricks, Seconded by Davis to adjourn the Inkster Planning Commission meeting held on March 25, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

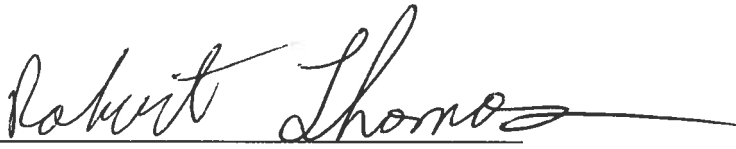
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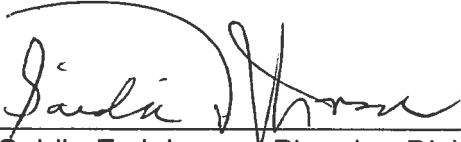
Sam Brown, Chairman

Daryl A. Davis, Vice Chairman

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Robert Thomas, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Saidia F. Johnson", with a large loop at the top and a horizontal flourish at the bottom.

Saidia F. Johnson, Planning Division
Secretary

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