

CITY OF MENASHA
Plan Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall – 140 Main Street
March 2, 2010
DRAFT MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Mayor Donald Merkes.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Merkes, Ald. Benner, DPW Radtke and Commissioners Sturm, Cruickshank and Homan

PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: Commissioner Schmidt

OTHERS PRESENT: CDD Keil, Walt Raith and Pete Hensler

C. MINTUES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the February 16, 2010 Plan Commission Meeting**

Moved by Ald. Benner, seconded by DPW Radtke to approve the February 16, 2010 Plan Commission meeting minutes.

The motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM OF CONCERN ON THIS AGENDA

1. No one spoke.

E. DISCUSSION

1. **Overview of Freight Transportation Issues – Walter Raith – ECWRPC**

Walt Raith reviewed trends in rail and freight transportation. A freight advisory group has been formed to obtain input from producers/consumers and transport companies for input into the updated of regional transportation plans.

Commissioners discussed the relationship of transportation systems to the city's land use pattern and to what extent transportation trends should be considered in the city's future land use plan. Commissioners discussed the evolution of the city's rail corridors and future prospects for them under varying assumptions about rail usage.

2. **Natures Way Easement**

Greg Keil reported that he had met with the owner of 2008 Natures Way, who is requesting the easement release. The structural analysis of the unfinished home had been completed and the report generally indicated that the foundation and structural members have not been compromised. No progress had been made on obtaining additional releases from the remaining property owners. A timetable has been established for obtaining the remaining releases.

Commissioners discussed the need to bring this matter to conclusion. This item is to return at the next Plan Commission meeting.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Extraterritorial Plan Review – Lakeshore Manor, Lakeshore Road – Town of Menasha**

CDD Keil reported that he had contacted the Town of Menasha Director of Community

Development to obtain clarification about the restrictions within the "Grading Area" etc. Documentation regarding these considerations is forthcoming. This item is to return at the next Plan Commission meeting.

2. **Menasha Portage Proposal**

Pete Hensler discussed the Friends of the Fox (FOF) initiative to install portages around locks and other obstructions to facilitate paddling opportunities in the Fox River corridor. In Menasha, a portage around the Menasha Lock and around the railroad swing bridge at Lush Street is proposed.

Commissioners discussed the location and design of the portages and construction/maintenance considerations. This item was held pending the receipt of a maintenance agreement from FOF and design clarifications.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by DPW Radtke, seconded by Comm. Homan to adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

The motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Greg Keil, Community Development Director