

NEW BERLIN PLAN COMMISSION

August 30, 1999

Minutes

The Plan Commission meeting of August 30, 1999 was called to order by Mayor Gatzke at 5:00 P.M.

In attendance were Mayor Gatzke, Mr. Chase, Mr. Barnes, Alderman Kaminski, Mr. Felda, Mr. Christel. Also present were Steven K. Hoese, Director of Planning and Jeff Fortin, Planning Technician. Mr. O'Neil was excused.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

3. Presentation of Commercial Center Plan by Larry Witzling, PDI.

Mr. Witzling went over the topics presented in the table of contents printed in the City Center Development Plan saying that the basic goals were creating an identity for this area, making a safe environment, integrating pedestrian, bicycle and automobile movements, and a long range plan for development. This plan, if accepted would be adopted as an amendment to the Land Use Plan. Mr. Witzling explained that while it is called Commercial Center Neighborhood Plan it is important to understand that it is actually nine plans for different areas. The City is free to implement one part and not another part or all the parts in whatever sequence they wish. The Plan also includes a series of specific street section recommendations referring to six different street cross sections. Lane widths, landscaping, side paths with cost estimates are included.

Mr. Witzling explained sample guidelines for each area include five categories which are visual character, circulation and safety, environmental issues, general social and economic activities, long term maintenance and management.

Jeff Hertado commented on finance and economic issues of the Plan saying that market strength is high and can be utilized to finance public improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

4. PG-830 Commercial Center

Plan Commissioners discussed the benefits of holding a public hearing with a more detailed presentation followed by public inquiry and Plan Commission questions. Now that people know what the Plan is, Mayor Gatzke felt there will be significant comments and questions. Mr. Hoese suggested a public informational period with maps on display before the formal presentation.

5. Next meeting date and time.

It was the consensus of the Plan Commission to have a public informational period with the presenters to be here at 5:30 P.M. with the display boards and to answer general questions until 7:30 at which time the public hearing would be held.

Motion by Alderman Kaminski to hold an informational meeting at 5:30 P.M. and a public hearing at 7:30 P.M. on September 27, 1999 before the Plan Commission to discuss the City Center Development Plan .

Seconded by Mr. Christel. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Chase to adjourn the Plan Commission meeting.

Seconded by Alderman Kaminski. Motion carried unanimously.