

Minutes of MPC regular meeting of Dec. 16, 2009

Quorum of members in attendance: Mary Baker, Robin Crawford, Dan DuVal, Maya Huber, Scott Monett, Steve Keller, Jim Peoples, Doug Potts, Ann Seaman, Jim Turner

Meeting called to order at 7:36 by Scott Monett, President

Old Business: After much discussion on the correct wording DuVal made the following motion with Peoples seconding:

"Be it resolved that, in considering the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan that current or future proposals with an FAR of greater than .35 should address undergrounding of utilities, the MPC shall require the utilities to be undergrounded."

The motion carried 7 for, 2 against and 1 abstention.

DuVal then made a motion to clarify the mini-warehouse resolution passed at the November MPC meeting as follows:

"The motion to approve the Mini Warehouse proposal passed at the November meeting is amended to delete the word "address" and substitute "the developer shall underground" the utilities." Peoples seconded.

This motion carried 7 for, 2 against and one abstention.

Peoples moved to approve the November minutes and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Ann Seaman Treasurer reported that the MPC had \$5680.42 on hand.

Duval reported that the EXXON under grounding easements had been signed.

Supervisor's liaison, Jane Edmondson, reported that the temporary library would be open at Mclean Plaza Shopping Center in the first quarter of 2010.

New Business:

Steve Keller expressed concern over the amount of "temporary" road signs, flags and banners in the CBC.

Doug Potts raised a concern about the safety of pedestrians in the CBC and an apparent lack of enforcement of the speed limits. Doug will meet with the police to determine what additional measurements can be taken.

There was an extended discussion about the mission of the MPC as it relates to the voting practices of the constituent groups. The issue is raised because the MCA requires all of its MPC members to vote in block to support the position taken by the MCA board. The MCA is currently the only constituent body that enforces a block voting practice. This practice disenfranchises the members of the MCA who oppose the position taken by the MCA board and skews the results of any votes taken by the MPC in favor of the MCA board position. In addition it complicates the conduct of the lengthy negotiations that the MPC conducts with developers because the MCA may and has in the past directed its MPC representatives to vote in a manner that contradicts positions that the MCA representatives have taken during the negotiations.

The MCA representatives stated that the block voting was in fact required by the MCA and that it was the responsibility of MCA's MPC representatives to inform the MCA P and Z committee and Board of the status of the ongoing MPC business.

Other MPC representatives stated that the MPC was formed to bring together a broad range of talents and

viewpoints to ensure that development projects in the CBC are responsive to a wide range of citizen and business needs. Although it is expected that the representatives of the various constituent groups would represent the viewpoints of all the members of those groups, the representatives should be free to exercise their best judgment in representing the needs of their constituent bodies in order to reach a consensus when voting at the MPC. Peoples state that , in his opinion, the current MCA practice that forces twenty five percent of the MPC membership to vote a specific way runs counter to the mission of the MPC and casts doubt on any position taken by the MCA representatives during the negotiations that lead up to a MPC vote.

No action was taken.

Jim Peoples, Secretary