FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

City Council Chambers 23600 Liberty Street Farmington, Michigan Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Chairperson Christiansen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Farmington City Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

ROLL CALL

Present: Babcock, Bowman, Chiara, Christiansen, Crutcher, Gronbach, Scott.

Absent: None.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Inspector Koncsol, Deputy Clerk Wendel.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherrin Hood, LSL Planning.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Crutcher, seconded by Gronbach, to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried, all ayes.

Review May 14, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission reviewed the LSL Planning matrix dealing with horses.

Patrick Thomas, 22432 Brookdale, shared his plan to own two miniature/or standard sized horses. He explained larger horses would need an area to be exercised. He commented that there is an ordinance in place allowing owners to ride their horses on public streets. He stated he is happy to comply with the standards set by ordinance.

Discussion was held regarding the draft ordinance allowing chickens in residential areas.

The Commission reviewed a site plan for 34021 Grand River located in the Historical District.

Discussion regarding Special Land Use - Recreational Use in C-2 District, 23311 Orchard Lake was held.

Review - Expanding Recreation Special Land Use

Commissioners discussed the proposed expansion of Recreational Special Land Use.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Thomas, 22432 Brookdale, found it interesting that past land usage is being revisited by the Commission to determine how to incorporate it into present day Farmington.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Babcock reported she researched the effect Special Land Use has on lowering property values. She found nothing substantiating the connection between declining property values and Special Land Use.

Babcock stated on May 5th the City of Farmington Hills granted a Special Event Permit to a Mexican Restaurant allowing them to set up an outdoor space covering *only* handicap parking spaces. She hopes to never see this allowed in the City of Farmington.

Respectfully submitted,

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gronbach, seconded by Scott, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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