

City of Wyandotte
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of the Thursday, June 19, 2014, Meeting
MINUTES AS RECORDED

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elizabeth A. Krimmel at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Adamczyk, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Benson

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Tallerico
Kelly Roberts, Recording Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS:

- All communications were received and placed on file.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PASKO, supported by Commissioner Lupo to approve the minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2014. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PUBLIC HEARING #306 – Request from City of Wyandotte (Owner) and Jonathan R. Crane, P.C. (Appellant) for a Building Permit for a communication antenna at 266 Maple, City of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, State of Michigan where the proposed conflicts with Section 2202.II.1 of the City of Wyandotte Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LUPO, Supported by Commissioner Rutkowski to hold this matter in abeyance until the July meeting so the Applicant can supply information that the tower meets all federal, state and city rules and regulations for the construction and placement of cellular towers. Further, the Commission is requesting how this tower will benefit Wyandotte. Also, the Commission is requesting a letter from the Fire Chief indicating that they are aware of this new tower.

YES: Adamczyk, Duran, Lupo, Parker, Rutkowski
NO: Krimmel, Pasko, Tavernier ABSENT: Benson
MOTION PASSED

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

No persons in audience.

SPECIAL ORDER:

Motion by COMMISSIONER PASKO, supported by Commissioner Tavernier to receive and place on file the communication from the City of Lincoln Park regarding their Community Development Block Grant Program.

Motion by COMMISSIONER PASKO, supported by Commissioner Tavernier to approve the 2014-2015 Planning Commission Budget as follows:

101-810-725-120	\$4,000	101-810-725-150	\$306.00	101-810-750-210	\$100.00
101-810-825-390	\$8,400.00	101-810-925-710	\$1,500.00		

YES: Adamczyk, Duran, Krimmel, Lupo, Parker, Pasko, Rutkowski, Tavernier
NO: None ABSENT: Benson
MOTION PASSED

Mr. Hedger, 329 Maple, Wyandotte

Mr. Hedger asked what the benefit to the City for this tower is and he is concerned with the health risk. Mr. Hedger asked why the tower can't be moved to another area.

Commissioner Tavernier stated that he was at the City Council meeting when this was discussed and one of the benefits to the City is to help the Fire Department reach the entire City with the 911 Communication Service.

Mr. Ben Herrick, representative for Mr. Jonathan Crane, the appellant.

Mr. Herrick indicated that there is a current antenna at this location and they are proposing to remove this antenna and construct a new cell tower that the current equipment will go on. Mr. Herrick indicated that the tower is owned by the City and the City rents space on the tower. Mr. Herrick indicated that there is a need for this tower for the 911 system for the City.

Commissioner Lupo asked about the environmental hazards.

Mr. Herrick indicated that the concern of radiation is at the top of the tower which is 200 feet above the ground. Mr. Herrick further indicated that at the ground, there is minimal radiation if any.

Mr. Herrick further indicated that the tower meets all federal, state and local regulations.

Mr. Herrick further indicated that the building, for the tower, design will match the fire station building. Mr. Herrick reviewed the pole design and type with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Tavernier asked if other antennas could go on this antenna.

Mr. Herrick stated that there could be other antennas at 85 feet and 75 feet, but at this time there is only 1 antenna proposed and the height of the pole is 200 feet and it will not go any higher.

Chairperson Krimmel asked what the benefit was to the City.

Mr. Herrick indicated that the current 911 system needs to be upgraded and this antenna will help get a signal throughout the City. Mr. Herrick further indicated that the City will also receive rental funds from this tower.

Mr. Herrick indicated that the City currently has two (2) other towers in the City which are managed by Mr. Crane. Mr. Herrick also indicated that they do not just put up a tower anywhere, they do surveys to see where the best place is for service.

Commissioner Rutkowski asked about the health risks.

Mr. Herrick indicated that tower meets all federal, state and local requirements. Mr. Herrick further indicated that they perform a pre and post environmental test at the tower. Mr. Herrick indicated that this report would be given to the City.

Commissioner Adamczyk asked if there are cameras on the tower.

Mr. Herrick stated no, there will not be any cameras on the tower.

Commissioner Adamczyk asked about the environmental risk and any risk to the firemen at the fire station and Commissioner Adamczyk is concerned since they are there 24 hours at a time.

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Chairperson Krimmel asked if there was anyone else present who wishes to speak about this public hearing.

There being no further questions, the public hearing was closed.

No communications were received regarding this request.