

**CITY OF MASON  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010**

Reeser called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan. Colburn administered the Oath of Office to Jim King, Ed Reeser, and John Vincent.

Present: Commissioners: Burns, Droscha, Kenroy, King, Naeyaert, Reeser, \*Smith, Vincent  
Absent: Commissioner: Sabbadin  
Also present: David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director  
Martin A. Colburn, City Administrator

\*6:36 Smith arrived.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 15, 2009**

The Minutes of December 15, 2009, were approved as submitted.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**Election of Chair, Vice Chair**

Colburn opened nominations for Chairperson.

Nomination by Droscha,  
to elect Ed Reeser as Chairperson.

As there were no other nominations for Chairperson, Colburn closed the nominations.

**ED REESER ELECTED CHAIRPERSON BY AFFIRMATION**

Colburn opened nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Nomination by Kenroy,  
to elect Matthew Smith as Vice Chairperson.

As there were no other nominations for Vice Chairperson, Colburn closed the nominations.

**MATTHEW SMITH ELECTED VICE CHAIRPERSON BY AFFIRMATION**

**PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

Mayor Clark informed the Commission on the revised Rules of Order that were adopted by City Council December 21, 2009.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Haywood informed the Commission regarding training currently being offered by the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association for planning and zoning essentials.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **Discussion – Front Yard Setback Standards**

Haywood informed the Commission regarding front yard setback standards that have been in place since 1972. He specifically emphasized the analysis points he listed in the memorandum submitted in the packet. Discussion ensued.

### **Discussion – Satellite Dish Antenna Standards**

Haywood informed the Commission regarding satellite dish antenna standards relating to placement on residential properties in the City. He stated that in response to a recent complaint regarding the increasing number of satellite dish antenna installations located in front yards, he researched Mason Code and spoke with a local satellite antenna installer. Mr. Haywood stated that he will request the city attorney to provide a legal opinion on the matter. A brief discussion ensued.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Kenroy commended the Mason Fire Chief and volunteer fire fighters. He was very impressed by the level of professionalism, cleanliness, and work that is conducted by the department. Commissioners were recently taken on a tour of the Fire Department led by Fire Chief Minshall.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Distributed.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

Naeyaert informed commissioners regarding current City Council business.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Colburn informed the Commission regarding current City business. Haywood informed the Commission regarding current planning matters.

## **PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk