

Minutes of the Porter Plan Commission
October 18, 2000

A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of allegiance

Present: Mr. Chemma, Mr. Bell, Mr. Eriksson, Mrs. Powell, Mr. Whisler, Mr. Liebert, and Mr. Grasher. Quorum was established. Also present were Mr. Mandon, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Zaremba

C. Consideration of minutes from previous meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written was made by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Audience Participation

None

E. Final Approvals

None

F. Preliminary Hearings

1. John Kremke, Horizon Development: Request to vacate and relocate utility and drainage easement in Marquette Point, Lots 8 & 9. Motion to move request to public hearing and the November 15, 2000 meeting made by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Whisler. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Public Hearings:

1. **Susan Brandstetter:** Request to vacate ½ of an unimproved alley in Porter Beach. Gordon Etzler present to speak on behalf of petitioner. Public hearing was opened at 8:30 p.m. Speaking in favor of the petition: Hugo Brandstetter. Speaking opposed to the request: Fr. Vito, 2949 Glacier Trail and Glen Gongola, 380 Duneland Drive. Public hearing was closed at 9:05 p.m.

Mr. Powell indicated the town is not in favor of vacating the property, as it needs existing access. Motion by Mr. Bell to pass the request to the town council with no recommendation. Motion dies for lack of second. Motion by Mr. Bell to send the request to the town council with a favorable recommendation. Second by Mr. Eriksson. Vote called: Whisler – abstain, Bell – Yes, Eriksson – Yes, Grasher – No, M. Powell – No, Liebert – Yes, Chemma – Yes. Motion carried 4-2.

2. **Rebecca Sue Brown Lloyd:** Request to re-zone property from C-3 to R-1 and R-3, and subdivide into two lots of record on Beam Street near U.S. 20. Petitioner's notification was in order, contingent upon noticed received from four outstanding property owners. Public hearing was opened at 9:25 p.m. Speaking against the request: Dale Endquist via letter to town, Ken and Kathy Holevinsky of the Dune Ridge Winery (R-3 open to anything,) and Mike Henkel, 1020 Beam Street (traffic and character of the area.) Public Hearing closed at 9:40 p.m.

Mr. Mandon recommended approval of the petitioner's request, as R-3 is a preferred use over the current C-3 zoning. Motion to forward the request to the town council with a denial of the petitioner's request as presented by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Eriksson. Vote called: Whisler – No, Liebert- No, M. Powell – Yes, Grasher – No, Bell – Yes, Eriksson – No, Chemma – No. Motion dead due to vote discrepancy by Mr. Eriksson. Corrected motion by Bell to accept the petitioner's request and present it to the town council with a favorable recommendation. (contingent upon proper notice received from four outstanding property owners.) Second by Liebert. Vote called: Whisler – Yes, Liebert – Yes, M. Powell – No, Grasher – Yes, Bell – No, Eriksson – No, Chemma – Yes. Motion carried 4-3.

3. **Steel City Express:** Request for a one-lot subdivision and re-zoning to C-3, property at 1441 West U.S. Hwy 20. Also requesting a subdivision variance for three 100' parking lot cluster lights. Doug Homeier present on behalf of the petitioner. Public hearing opened at 10:17 p.m. Questioning the request: Cynthia Ramirez, 1371 Sunset (noise), and Mike Henkel, 1020 Beam Street (brightness of lighting.) Public hearing closed at 10:40 p.m.

Lighting issue cannot be acted upon at the Plan Commission, must be presented at BZA. Mr. Mandon recommended approval of both petitions. Motion to accept the request and give a favorable recommendation to the town council by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Whisler. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Other Business

1. **Bond Reduction: Marquette Point.** The request was presented by town Public Works Director, Art Powell. Motion by Liebert to recommend the reduction be granted. Second by Whisler. Vote called: Whisler – Yes, Liebert – Yes, M. Powell – Yes, Grasher – Yes, Bell – No, Eriksson – Yes, Chemma – Yes. Motion carried 6-1.
2. **Property owner notifications:** Motion by Bell to recommend to the town council a cost and individual to be established. Second by Eriksson. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bell. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Eugene Chemma
President

Lisa M. Liebert
Secretary