

Minutes of the Porter Plan Commission  
**August 23, 1999**

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. Pledge of allegiance

Present were Mr. Eriksson, Mr. Grasher, Mr. Whisler, Mr. Donley, Mr. Chemma, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Bernth. Quorum was established. Also present were Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Powell.

C. Consideration of minutes from previous meeting.

After the secretary's reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Donley to approve the minutes as corrected. Second by Mr. Eriksson. A vote was called. Mr. Whisler – Yes, Mr. Grasher – Yes, Mr. Eriksson – Yes, Mr. Donley – Yes, Mr. Bell – Yes, Mr. Bernth – Abstain, Mr. Chemma – Abstain.. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Audience Participation

There was no audience Participation.

E. Old Business

1. **Continued Consideration**: Petitioner Jody Bennett to re-zone property currently C-1 to C-3. Mr. Donley stated he agreed with Mr. Mandon's recommendation to deny the request to re-zone the property to C-3. Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Grasher declined comment. Mr. Bell stated he felt the property should have possibly been considered as a PUD. He also pointed out Mr. Bennett is a reputable developer in the area, as well as being a local business person, and that was favorable in his opinion. He stated he was concerned about the other possible construction that could be allowed under the current zoning. Mr. Grasher stated he does not agree with the re-zoning because the petitioner is able to construct anything under C-3 zoning, not necessarily the intended hotel/motel complex. Mr. Grasher also pointed out a comment made by the Bennett's in a previous petition that indicated negative intentions. Mr. Bernth stated he appreciated the work done by the Bennett's in the past, but he felt re-zoning to C-3 was not appropriate. Mr. Chemma stated he was aware of the details surrounding the Bennett's request, and that re-zoning the parcel to C-3 was not appropriate.

A motion to deny the petition and submit a negative recommendation to the Town Council was made by Mr. Bernth. Second by Mr. Donley. A vote was called: Mr. Eriksson – Yes, Mr. Grasher – Yes, Mr. Bell – No, Mr. Bernth – Yes, Mr. Donley – Yes, Mr. Whisler – Yes, Mr. Chemma – Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

2. **Approval of Plan Commission Rules and Procedures**: Mr. Kennedy furnished the final corrected copies to Mr. Mandon to be presented to the board members with the changes that were made in the May, 1999 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Donley to accept the Rules and Procedures as written. Second by Mr. Whisler. A vote was called: Mr. Eriksson – Yes, Mr. Grasher – Yes, Mr. Bell – Yes, Mr. Bernth – Yes, Mr. Donley – Yes, Mr. Whisler – Yes, Mr. Chemma – Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

3. **Continued Discussion, Draft of the Comprehensive Plan**: The board discussed scheduling a meeting with the public to begin review of the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The projected date for the meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The maps will be available at this meeting and will be discussed. A public hearing will be

scheduled from this meeting.

## E. New Business

1. **Preliminary Discussion, Major Subdivision**: John Kremke speaking on behalf of petitioners Bob and Charlene Hauber who wish to divide parcel into 4 lots.

A motion was made by Mr. Bell to set the request for Public Hearing at the September meeting. Second by Mr. Whisler. A vote was called: Mr. Eriksson – Yes, Mr. Grasher – Yes, Mr. Bell – Yes, Mr. Bernth – Yes, Mr. Donley – Yes, Mr. Whisler – Yes, Mr. Chemma – Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Mr. Whisler brought issues of building height allowances and side-yard setback requirements to the board to be reviewed and considered. Mr. Whisler and Mr. Mandon will meet to discuss the details.

## E. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Donley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Eugene Chemma  
President

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Lisa Liebert  
Secretary