

AMSTERDAM/CHURCHILL COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

September 28, 2009

ATTENDEES: Ashley Jones, Bob Urich, Tim Van Dam, Walt Sales, Warren Vaughan, Carol Weidenaar, Dean Sybesma, Cindy Elliot and Amy Waring.

MEETING INTRODUCTIONS:

- 1) A voting quorum was present.
- 2) Excused absence was granted to Jack Vander Molen and Jim Potts.
- 3) The minutes of the September 14, 2009 were approved.
- 4) Carol submitted her resignation as secretary effective December 31, 2009 and thanking Warren and Wally for their encouragement and leadership.
- 5) The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted by Wally and Warren.

BUSINESS:

- 6) No report from the Rural Committee and Sidewalks/Trails
- 7) Jim Potts sent a report concerning the water.
- 8) Warren reviewed handout of town core chapter.
- 9) Amy discussed standard definition of "Home Occupation" as a business like an accountant or computer programmer who works out of a home office. A "Home Based Business" is a business involving more traffic and possibly employees, such as a hair salon. Generally, HO's are "allowed uses" and HBB's are "conditional uses".
- 10) The members reviewed an "International Dark Skies Association" (IDA) Guide Handout for information regarding "dark sky friendly" lighting options. The guide was used to inform the group on policy 3.9.
- 11) Amy defined several types of lighting standards for Policy 3.9:
 - a) Residential use
 - b) Commercial use
 - c) Recreational use
 - d) Discussion to include all three uses in the core.
 - e) Shield lighting versus unshielded lighting was discussed
 - f) Warren will talk with North Western Energy about using standards for lighting district lighting.

- 12) There was discussion on the following policies:
 - a) Policy 3.5.6: The group discussed amending this policy to require a “collector” road extending east and south from Kunje to Flying Eagle Way but not requiring that road to be along the northern and eastern edge. The group noted the difficulty this would present given the ditch/canal located along the northern edge, as well as the right-of-way located along the property boundary of the churchill NE project and felt it would be better to require an east/west road from Kunje but to allow the developers room for creativity in location. The group also noted the requirement in Policy 3.2, Phased Expansion of the Town Core, which would require a collector street to connect to Phase II properties east and south of the identified Town Core. The group asked Warren to draft alternative language for discussion at the next meeting.
 - b) Policy 3.7: Jim Potts drafted suggested changes to Policy 3.7. The group will continue to discuss them.
 - c) Policy 3.8: Same as 3.7.
 - d) Policy 3.9: Amy Waring drafted suggested changes to this policy. The group agreed they were appropriate.
- 13) Next two meetings were set on October 12, 2009 and October 26, 2009.
- 16) Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.