MINUTES CITY OF HEDWIG VILLAGE PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012 7:00 P.M. – 955 PINEY POINT ROAD

#1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wiener called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Present:

Bob Wiener, Chairman

Pat Murphy Brooks Howell Barbara Abrams Susan Mathews

Alan Petrov, City Attorney Bob Dixon, Council Liaison

Absent:

Bitsy Searcy Sylvie Bucci Michael Schultea

T J Burns

#2. RESIDENT/VISITOR COMMENTS

Council Liaison Dixon stated that in the past, the Commission was tasked to do things, and in the past year, the Commission has not been given any tasks. He also stated that the Council should provide the Commission with guidance and a vision with long-term goals and that the Council's vision and the Commission's vision may be different, but will be discussed at the joint meeting. Council Liaison Dixon stated that he feels the P.U.D. idea is a good idea and a good enhancement to the codes.

Member Murphy stated that he was concerned that the Commission would abdicate the vision to Council and not create their vision.

Council Liaison Dixon stated that he was concerned that the P.U.D. idea will go before Council and get denied then Planning and Zoning would have lost two years working on it.

Member Murphy stated that the Commission has not had a joint meeting and they should have a meeting with the residents letting them know what the benefits of taller buildings are.

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Chairman Wiener suggested that members talk to their neighbors and let them know what Planning & Zoning is working on.

Member Abrams stated that she would like to know what Council's ideas are so that they can work together.

Member Howell stated that Hedwig Village is blessed to have a commercial district and it would help, as a good source of revenue, to have mixed-use buildings.

Council Liaison Dixon stated that the Council may not know what the planning side of the Commission should be. He also stated that the Mayor is planning a joint meeting in December after the council meeting.

Member Mathews stated that they have been working on this for two years and they have worked with stakeholders and would like the Council and the Commission to have a joint goal.

Chairman Wiener stated that it would be a good idea to have a meeting with stakeholders, even though they have had meetings in the past and no one came.

Member Murphy stated that he would like the joint meeting to be set up in which two tables are side by side and Council and Planning & Zoning can talk instead of the way it's been done in the past with the Council seated above and the Commission seated below.

Chairman Wiener suggested that the Council should set aside funds for an urban planner.

Member Murphy stated that builders would build with what they are given and that Council should have an open mind and broaden things in order to benefit the City.

Member Howell asked what would be the best way to proactively present to Council and reach a consensus and accomplish something with Council without conflict. Member Howell stated that Member Murphy's idea about everyone sitting together at the joint meeting is a good idea.

Council Liaison Dixon stated that things presented in the past should be addressed at the joint meeting.

Member Howell stated that Council and P & Z should agree on an envisioning process in order to move forward.

Member Murphy stated that they want to accomplish something and they want the City to be better.

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Member Howell stated that Member Bucci created a great form that shows exactly what the Commission is working on.

Chairman Wiener stated that he is stepping down as the chairman and that Member Bucci will be the chairperson with Member Murphy as the vice chair. He also stated that the Commission has not had a vice chair since Mark Tidwell resigned.

#3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Regular Monthly Meeting - August 7, 2012

Member Mathews motioned, Member Howell seconded, to approve the minutes for the Regular Monthly Meeting held on August 07, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#4. DISCUSSION OF P.U.D. SUB-COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES

ITEM WAS TABLED

#5. POSSIBLE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION BY JIM HILL FROM HOUSE REH ARCHITECTS

ITEM WAS TABLED

#6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

ITEM WAS TABLED

#7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BUSINESS DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDE

ITEM WAS TABLED

#8. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICTS

The Commission members discussed the items that were addressed at the last meeting, which were:

- LEED (silver) guideline new construction
- Class "A" buildings new construction
- Power lines no overhead poles/lines
- Street lighting energy efficient and dark skies initiative
- No headlight in parking garages
- Landscaping new construction
 - o Trees in parking lots 6" in diameter

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- o Street trees
- Hard wood

Chairman Wiener asked the Commission members to think about the items listed and to think of a way to rephrase them in order to make them action items.

ITEM WAS TABLED

#9. ADJOURN

Member Abrams motioned, Member Mathews seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bob Wiener

Planning and Zoning Chairman

Roxanne Benitez

Planning and Zoning Secretary