

**VILLAGE OF KALKASKA  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2010  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 200 HYDE STREET**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, followed by prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Planning Commissioners Present

Susan Walter, Vice Chair  
Virginia Thomas, Village President  
Penny Hill, Village Manager  
Ruth Hall, Village Trustee  
Al Jordan  
Ron Janiszewski  
Bob Larsen

Planning Commissioners Absent

Shirley Whipple, Chairperson

Public Present – Renee Cunningham, Jeff Badgero, Annie Shetler, Jim Austin, Jean Peters and Clerk Mary Deb Rabourn

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Thomas, second by Larsen, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Jordan, second by Hill, to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2009 regular meeting as presented. All Ayes, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Sign Ordinance Committee** – Hill stated they had met again and continued to review the existing sign ordinance. They were going to incorporate their recommended changes into the original to show the Planning Commission when finished.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Petition for Amending the Zoning Ordinance Submitted by KMHC for the Property Located at 515 S. Orange Street** – Vice Chair Walter stated the Village Council had moved to send the petition back to the Planning Commission for further investigation and their recommendations.

Janiszewski asked to recuse himself from discussion and voting due to his affiliation with the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center.

Motion by Hill, second by Larsen, to allow member Janiszewski to recuse himself from all discussion and motions pertaining to the KMHC re-zone request. All Ayes, motion carried.

Jim Austin, Hospital Administrator spoke about their plans for the property at 515 S. Orange Street, stating they wanted to use it as a training facility for home healthcare aides. He further discussed the need for this training and the benefits to the community.

Renee Cunningham, KMHC Employee, spoke about their need to provide a real life setting for training home healthcare aides and explained how this property would work perfect for that. She stated they were also looking into using the home for on-site testing, which is currently done in other cities.

Annie Shetler with Michigan Council of Governments spoke about the hospital's participation with KALTEC and Michigan Works to provide training and support for the rising trends in healthcare jobs and need for training.

Further discussion took place about the need for training and its impact on the community. The concern for residences in and around the health center, and the need for maintaining a friendly environment was also mentioned.

Motion by Hill, second by Thomas, to recommend to the Village Council that the amended petition for re-zoning of 515 S. Orange Street submitted by the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center be granted. A roll call vote was then taken: Ayes – 4; Nays – 2; Abstain – 1; Absent – 1; motion carried.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

- A. **Presentation of KMHC Long Range Plan by Jim Austin** – Mr. Austin went over hand out explaining the five-year plan as discussed and submitted by the KMHC Board. He also discussed the 25-year plan under consideration by the Board.

Discussion took place about the hospital and their services.

- B. **2009 Review and Update of the Kalkaska County Master Plan 2003-2008** – Vice Chair Walter stated they had received a completed copy of the County Master Plan and list of changes. She stated that the Village Master Plan should be in line with the County and they needed to schedule a committee meeting to get started.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Janiszewski, second by Hill, to adjourn. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Recorded by: Mary Deb Rabourn, Village Clerk