

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

November 22, 2010

8:15 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (DP&Z)

- RE: 1) Request to Adopt a Bicycle Parking Ordinance
Continued discussion from 6/14/10
- 2) Personal Property Vegetation Maintenance - Ald. Gutenkauf, Shea & Bram
Referral from City Council meeting 11/15/10
- 3) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Morley, Rose, Leader

Committee Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Werner, Storino

Others Present: Bob Hoel, Bicycle Task Force

Agenda Item #1 -Chairman Morley called the meeting to order at 8:35 P.M. and began the continued discussion of the request to adopt a bicycle parking ordinance. Chairman Morley noted that the previous meeting at which this item was discussed, the Committee agreed that a requirement for bicycle parking should not be mandated in the Zoning Ordinance at this time. However, the Committee agrees that bicycle parking areas are an important feature of a pedestrian and bicycle friendly city. The Committee reviewed the inventory of bicycle parking in the community, especially in the Central Business District, noting that the Bicycle Task Force, working with individual businesses and the City Centre, has been able to have more bicycle racks installed throughout the community. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Bicycle Task Force should continue working with individual businesses, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, City Centre and other business organizations in an effort to provide more bicycle parking opportunities.

The Committee discussed the desire of the Bicycle Task Force to encourage developers to provide bicycle parking when developing or re-developing a property. The Committee noted that larger developments are usually processed as Planned Developments and, as such, bicycle parking could be a requirement in the review of Planned Developments. The Committee directed Staff to encourage bike parking by adding this issue to the building/development requirement pamphlets the City currently provides to builders and developers. Staff will prepare draft language for the Committee's review at a future meeting.

Agenda Item # 2 – The Committee discussed this referral from Aldermen Bram, Gutenkauf and Shea to evaluate and determine policy for any vegetation overlapping adjacent property and the homeowners' responsibility to maintain it. The Committee heard from a resident on Fremont Avenue whose neighbor's tree fell on his house and property. After discussion, the Committee asked Attorney Storino to research this issue to see if it can be addressed in the Nuisance Ordinance. The Committee will discuss this issue at an upcoming meeting.

Other Business – The Committee discussed the ex-officio member for the Economic Development Commission. The membership of the Economic Development Commission provides for a member of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee to be an ex-officio member. After discussion, it was agreed that Chairman Morley will attend the meetings of the Economic Development Commission through the election in April, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Nathaniel Werner, Planning & Zoning Administrator