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**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007
MINUTES**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Preambo
Mrs. Harrington
Mr. Jones
Mr. Thomas

Don King, City Planner

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2007 meeting was made by Mr. Preambo and 2nd by Mrs. Harrington. Approved 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1.) Review of Minor Subdivision Plan by Steven & M'Lissa Aquilina, create two lots from one, 905 Matthew Ave, R-1 Zone.

Mr. Robert Mendola, Surveyor, representing the Aquilinas. The original deed shows 90 ft frontage on Matthew Ave. This subdivision will make one lot 40 ft and the second lot 50 ft. Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission granted conditional approval, pending Zoning Hearing Board approval. Zoning hearing is scheduled for October 10, 2007. Mr. Mendola stated there are similar lots in this neighborhood. Mr. King recommended conditional approval, pending Zoning Hearing Board approval.

A motion for conditional approval, with the stipulation of Zoning Hearing Board approval was made by Mr. Jones and 2nd by Mr. Preambo. Approved 4-0.

(2.) Review of Minor Subdivision Plan by James Gerard Realty, Inc., create two lots from one, 624 Fellows Street, C-G Zone.

Mr. Robert Mendola, Surveyor, representing James Gerard Realty. There are two existing structures on one property. It meets all specs from the ordinances. The deed will have an easement for future use, for truck access, which is being used this way now. The Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission granted conditional approval, with the condition that there will be a separate deed showing the easement. Mr. King stated Lackawanna County granted conditional approval and recommended approval. A motion was made by Mr. Preambo to approve and 2nd by Mrs. Harrington. Approved 4-0.

(3.) Make Recommendation to City Council regarding the Capital Budget

Marie Shumacker, spoke about certain items that were not included in the capital budget:

- *No Paving for Police HQ;
- *No improvements for parks, that was promised in 2002;
- *No lighted softball field to replace the South Side Complex;
- *No improvements to existing Greenhouse at Nay Aug Park;
- *No money for a handicapped play area for Nay Aug Park;
- * Location of Albright Memorial Library.

Mr. King stated that City Council has a public hearing scheduled for the 2008 Capital Budget and projects could be added. Mr. King recommends approval of the Capital Budget. Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the Capital Budget and 2nd by Mr. Preambo. Approved 4-0.

- (4.) **Lot Line Adjustment, lands intended to be conveyed to Jerome & Susan Genovese, 1636 Nay Aug Ave.**

Mr. King stated land taken for the Flood Control Project. Lots will be cut lots in half then combined into one lot for purchase by the Garden Path. Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission just received the plan. No approval at this time. A motion to grant conditional approval, pending Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission was made by Mr. Jones and 2nd by Mrs. Harrington. Approved 4-0.

- (5.) **Make Determination of blight pursuant to File of Council No. 101, 1989 for the following properties:
310-12 Warren St
1517-19 Vine St**

Purchasers are interested in purchasing properties, with all liens, taxes, the land is not worth it. These properties went before the Vacant Property Review Board. The owners of the properties have been notified and have not commented on the properties. To certify as Blighted, there must be a vacant lot in a built up neighborhood where neighbors wish to purchase. They file Eminent Domain and start the process to get clean title to the properties.

A motion to make determination of blight pursuant to File of Council No. 101, 1989 for 310-12 Warren St and 1517-19 Vine St was made by Mr. Preambo and 2nd by Mrs. Harrington. Approved 4-0.

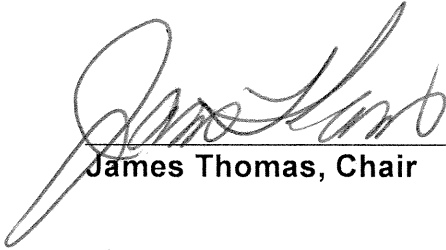
- (4.) **Amend City Planning Commission By-Laws to reflect change in meeting dates.**

A motion to change the day to the third Wednesday of each month was made by Mr. Jones and 2nd by Mr. Preambo. Approved 4-0.

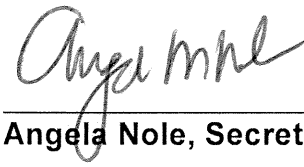
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

Mr. Preambo made a motion to adjourn and was 2nd by Mr. Jones.



James Thomas, Chair



Angela Nole, Secretary