

**Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission
Minutes of Joint Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Orlik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Introductions:

Chairman Orlik welcomed members of the City Commission, Mission-Pickard DDA, and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to update all regarding the work of the Planning Commission over the last several months to create incentives for redevelopment along Mission Street.

Planning Commissioners Present: Chair Orlik, Vice Chair Smith, Brockman, Ellertson, Jakeway, Lux.

Planning Commissioners Absent: English, Holtgrieve, Robinette (all excused).

City Commissioners Present: Mayor Holton, Joslin, Ling, Palmer, and Tilman.

Mission-Pickard DDA Members Present: Chair Coscarelly, Grinzinger, Hunter, McGuirk, Ouellette, Pius, Silverberg, Smith, and Swindlehurst.

Zoning Board of Appeals Members Present: Chair Curtiss, Vice Chair Benison, Ellertson, Kulick, Rowley, White.

A quorum of all boards/commissions was in attendance.

Staff Present: Morrison, Gray, Grinzinger, Ridley, Howard, Ellis, Kench.

III. Mission Street Redevelopment Initiative – Discuss the status and recommendations of the Planning Commission for the zoning and redevelopment of the Mission-Pickard Street commercial district.

Morrison provided a brief introduction of the work to date, including preliminary work by the various boards and commissions jointly and separately to prioritize economic development efforts along Mission Street.

Gray provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the timeline associated with the redevelopment efforts and summarizing the zoning ordinance amendments and design considerations for Mission Street that are being recommended by the Planning Commission.

Brief discussion followed regarding the financial incentives that the Mission-Pickard DDA is developing to accompany the zoning incentives under development by the Planning Commission.

There was additional brief discussion regarding the proposed ordinance and design considerations.

IV. Other:

There was no further discussion.

V. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Morrison provided a brief slide show for those who wished to remain of towns that he and Gray recently visited in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Michigan. The slides included examples of downtowns and street projects in a variety of communities, including several college towns. The presentation was completed at 8:40 p.m.