

CITY OF WHITEWATER
PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION
Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room
April 12, 2010

**ABSTRACTS/SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICIAL
ACTIONS OF THE PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION**

Plan Commission Secretary Wegner called the meeting of the Plan and Architectural Review Commission to order at 6:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Binnie, Dalee, Stone, Coburn, Miller. ABSENT: Torres, Zaballos. OTHERS: Wallace McDonell/City Attorney, Bruce Parker/Zoning Administrator, Wegner/Secretary.

As both the Chair and Vice Chair were not available for the meeting, Miller nominated Binnie as Chairperson Pro-Tem for the meeting. The nomination was seconded by Dalee, and approved by unanimous roll call vote.

REVIEW THE PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR THE STARIN ROAD EXTENSION FROM NORTH FREMONT STREET TO HIGHWAY 59/NORTH NEWCOMB STREET AND MAKE A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL WHICH WILL INCLUDE APPROVAL OR NON-APPROVAL BY THE PLAN COMMISSION OF THE ACQUISITIONS. City Attorney McDonell explained that it is required by State Statutes that before the City Council can acquire land and finalize the location of the road, the Plan Commission must review and make a report to the City Council. The City Council approved this proposal at the April 6, 2010 City Council meeting, contingent upon the Plan Commission's review and report. If the Plan Commission did not approve, the Council would need their review and comment of why they did not approve. The Plan Commission would be approving the location of the acquisition for the roadway for the extension of Starin Road from Fremont Street to Newcomb Street. This is a particularly opportune time to proceed with this project along with the development of the Innovation Center in the Whitewater Business Park and as part of the grant application and process. The City will need to acquire land from both Roger and Christine Kutz and the Kligora Trust. The City and its engineers have worked to come up with the best location for all parties.

Zoning Administrator Bruce Parker explained that there would be 1.91 acres of the Kutz property for the road right-of-way with 5.5 acres south of the right-of-way that the City would be acquiring. There would also be 2.55 acres of road right-of-way from the Kligora Trust property with an additional 1.68 acres that the City would be acquiring. There are wetland areas on both of these acquisition areas.

Plan Commission Member Stone asked about the right of way width. It was determined that the right of way is approximately 70 feet and the pavement area would be approximately 40 feet. Stone also noted that the Starin Road extension is a part of the North Whitewater Neighborhood Plan and is also consistent with the City of Whitewater Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Pro-Tem Binnie explained that there were some comments at the Council meeting about the proposed road not being a straight route from Fremont Street to Newcomb Street. There were residents in favor of the curvy road, thinking that it would calm the traffic as it comes through town.

Chair Pro-Tem Binnie asked for any comments from the public. There were no comments.

Moved by Miller and Stone to approve the plan to acquire land for the Starin Road extension. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Moved by Miller and Stone to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Wegner
Secretary