

CITY OF WHITEWATER
PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION
Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room
October 10, 2011

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

Call to order and roll call.

Vice-Chairperson Binnie called the meeting of the Plan and Architectural Review Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Meyer, Binnie, Dalee, Parker, Coburn.

Absent: Torres, Miller.

Others: Wallace McDonell (City Attorney), Mary Nimm (Interim Manager, Neighborhood Services).

Vice-Chairperson Binnie welcomed Bruce Parker as a new member of the Plan Commission (Park Board Representative to the Plan Commission) and appreciated his willingness to serve.

Hearing of Citizen Comments. No formal Plan Commission action will be taken during this meeting ON CITIZEN COMMENTS although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Items on the agenda may not be discussed at this time.

There were no citizen comments.

Approval of the minutes of September 12, 2011.

Moved by Coburn and seconded by Dalee to approve the Plan Commission minutes of September 12, 2011. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public hearing for the consideration of an amendment to the conditional use permit to replace the freestanding sign for Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority at 619 W. Main Street. Vice-Chairperson Binnie opened the public hearing for the consideration of an amendment to the conditional use permit to replace the freestanding sign for Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority at 619 W. Main Street.

Interim Neighborhood Services Manager Mary Nimm explained that the Sorority had come to the City about a month ago when the City noticed they had installed a new sign without a permit. The sorority is here to amend their conditional use permit to allow for the replacement of their sign. The new sign does meet the standards of the sign ordinance for this use.

Sierra Hinklin, the Sorority President, was present to answer any questions.

There were no public comments. Vice-Chairperson Binnie closed the Public Hearing.

Plan Commission Member Coburn noted that the sign was austere and asked how the sign was chosen. Coburn also asked if there were going to be any plantings around the sign to which Sierra Hinklin stated that the sign was chosen by the Sorority's Alumni Housing Corp. and that there were no plantings planned for around the sign.

Plan Commission Member Parker asked about lighting for the sign or if there were plans for lighting in the future.

Sierra Hinklin stated that there is no lighting. She did not know if there would be lighting planned for the future.

Parker reminded Cartwright to bring any future plans to the City for approval.

Coburn moved approval. Meyer seconded. Motion approved by unanimous roll-call vote.

Future agenda items

No future agenda items at this time.

Vice-Chairperson Binnie and the Plan Commission thanked Mary Nimm for her services to the City of Whitewater, CDA, Planning, Zoning and Neighborhood Services. Mary's last day with the City will be October 21, 2011.

Greg Meyer announced that the steering committee for the re-write of the Zoning Ordinances was postponed and would be rescheduled for later in the month.

Next regular Plan Commission meeting- November 14, 2011.

Moved by Meyer and seconded by Coburn to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chairperson Gregory Torres