

**PLAN COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
APRIL 13, 2010, 7:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 8:32 p.m.

Present: Susy Rein, Chairperson
Jim Kaiser, Phil LaGro, Michael Salvi, John Kosik, David
Lindquist
Staff: Donna Lobaito, CAO
David Fitzgerald, Village Intern

II. Approval of Minutes from March, 2 2010 Meeting

Two amendments were made to the minutes.

Motion to approve as amended:

1st – Kosik

2nd – Salvi

Passed on a unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Hearing:

None

IV. Old Business:

LaGro and Lindquist discussed their attendance at the Green Town Conference.

Lindquist discussed presenters who focused on construction recycling, bringing sustainability measures into the mainstreams, use of native plants, LED lighting, and the Dark Skies Initiative.

Chairperson Rein asked if there are green building standards that could be adopted as the Midlothian Corridor is developed.

Lindquist said yes they do exist, but we would need to find them. He said the committee should focus on storm water retention, walkability, lighting standards.

Rein expressed concern that the committee not reinvent the wheel if these standards already exist in written form.

Lindquist said Christopher Burke had a presence at the conference and could serve as a resource.

Chairperson Rein then asked CAO Lobaito to address the electronic message board issue.

Lobaito said she sent out a notice for a hearing on the issue and started writing an ordinance to accommodate an existing electronic message board sign in the village. Lobaito said she and COO Pam Newton decided they should not write a new ordinance simply to accommodate an illegal sign and decided against changing the ordinance with the backing of Mayor Mancino. Lobaito said the decision was made because the signs were not in keeping with the character of the community. No vote was taken, but the Plan Commission members voiced their support to not amend the code to allow for electronic message boards or other internally illuminated signs.

V. New Business

A. None

VI. Discussion Item

A. None

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Kaiser

2nd: LaGro

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03

Susy Rein
Chair