

**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 8, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Public Safety Building, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 321 S. Fourth Street, Stoughton, WI.**

**Members Present:** Ron Christianson, Vice-Chair; Eric Hohol; Greg Jenson; Matt Hanna and Scott Truehl

**Absent and Excused:** Mayor Donna Olson and Todd Krcma

**Staff:** Planning Director, Rodney Scheel and Zoning Administrator, Michael Stacey

**Press:** Mark Ignatowski

**Guests:** Adam Burish; Rosalie Bjelde; Ram Miro; Tony Hill; Marlene Judd and Bob Stoehr.

1. **Call to order.** Christianson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Consider approval of the Planning Commission meeting minutes of November 10, 2014.**  
Motion by **Hohol** to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Jenson**. Motion carried 5 – 0.
3. **Council Representative Report.**  
Christianson reported the Common Council approved ordinances O-28-14, O-29-14, O-30-14 and resolutions R-130-14, R-134-14 and R-141-14.
4. **Meeting Summary & Status of Developments.**  
Scheel gave an overview of the meeting summary and status of developments. There were no questions.
5. **R-1-15 Request by Kim Goldsmith for conditional use permit (CUP) approval for an Indoor Commercial Entertainment use (restaurant) at 120 E. Main Street.**  
Scheel explained the request.

Christianson opened the public hearing.

No one registered to speak.

Christianson closed the public hearing.

Motion by **Hohol** to recommend the Common Council approve R-1-15 for conditional use permit approval as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Hanna**. Motion carried 5 – 0.

6. **O-1-15 Request by Milestone Senior Living to Rezone 2208 and 2300 Lincoln Avenue from PB – Planned Business to I – Institutional.**  
Scheel explained the request.

Christianson opened the public hearing.

Bob Stoehr spoke in favor.

Adam Burish spoke in favor

A discussion took place regarding the types of care the facility would include; site location and parking.

Christianson closed the public hearing.

Hohol questioned the amount of parking. Adam Burish, Owner of Milestone Senior Living, is in favor of less parking.

Everyone is in agreement that the site plan can be modified to the minimum parking requirement. The site plan and certified survey will be reviewed at a later meeting.

Motion by **Hanna** to recommend the Common Council approve O-1-15 to rezone 2208 and 2300 Lincoln Avenue from PB – Planned Business to I - Institutional, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Truehl**. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**7. R-2-15 Request by Milestone Senior Living for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) and Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) at 2208 and 2300 Lincoln Avenue.**

Scheel explained the request and reminded the Commission that the request does not address the building, site plan or lot adjustments that will need to be reviewed and approved as part of a full package at a future meeting.

Christianson opened the public hearing.

No one registered to speak.

Christianson closed the public hearing.

Motion by **Hohol** to recommend the Common Council approve R-2-15 for conditional use permit approval as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Truehl**. Motion carried 5 – 0.

**8. Request by Rosalie Bjelde, 101 W. Broadway Street, Stoughton to discuss allowing a zoning ordinance amendment for the keeping of pigeons. (Referral from Public Safety)**

Scheel gave an overview of this request.

Rosalie Bjelde explained the intent of the request.

A lengthy discussion ensued as follows:

- The Commission is leaning toward requiring a conditional use permitting process for the keeping of pigeons and the applicant is in favor;
- Staff to check other Wisconsin municipalities to find out how pigeons are regulated;
- There were questions about the potential for noise;
- The Commission is in favor of a maximum loft size.

Staff will bring back information back to the January 12, 2015 meeting for further discussion.

**Christianson** reminded the audience that this item is not listed as a public hearing so others will not be able to speak to this matter until a public hearing is scheduled.

Marlene Judd provided a letter with concerns about the keeping of pigeons.

Sean and Beth Weitner provided a letter with concerns about the keeping of pigeons.

Ram Miro registered to speak and answer questions if needed.

**Future agenda items.**

Pigeon information; Milestone site plan and CSM; Kettle Park West SIP's

**9. Adjournment.**

Motion by **Jenson** to adjourn at 7:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Hohol**. Motion carried 5 – 0.