

# SAGINAW COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

May 19, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Planning Dept. Conference Room

111 S. Michigan Avenue

Saginaw, MI 48602

Chairman Timothy Courtney opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

I. **Members Present**

Timothy Courtney

Tom Koski

Delena Spates-Allen

Ken Hornak

John Leachman

Seymour Geiersbach

Tom Houlihan

Doug Bishop

Calvin Williams

G. Thomas Kerr

Peter Shaheen

**Staff Present**

Philip Grimaldi

Demetra Manley

Doug Bell

\*excused

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

Sylvester Payne, STARS

Phil Karwat, City of Saginaw Engineering

Brian Wendling Saginaw County Road Commission

Brandon Wilcox MDOT-Lansing

Susan Richardson MDOT Lansing

Jay Reithel – MDOT Bay Region

**Guests Present**

Jim Jackson, Buena Vista Township Assessor

Stacy Erwin, Erwin Properties LLC

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Amendments of the SMATS 2008-2011 TIP

See May 14, 2009 enclosed list

**Motion to open public hearing by Leachman, seconded by Bishop at 5:33 p.m. Motion carried**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Erwin mentioned that she was available for questions on Phase II of Erwin Senior Estates project in Buena Vista Township.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review and approve the minutes of April 21, 2009

**Motion made by Houlihan, seconded by Bishop to approve the April 21, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

- B. Other

none

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Correspondence & Communication  
none

- B. Review of Local Zoning Amendments

**SCMPC 2009-11**

Saginaw Township: Zoning Review

Zoning Request: A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Low Density Residential

Township Action: Planning Commission recommended adoption after public hearing on April, 2009.

Staff Conclusions: The proposed rezoning is consistent with the Townships Comprehensive Development Plan and the development trend in the area. Staff has no objections.

SCMPC Recommendation: Approval of the rezoning request. **Motion made by Kerr, seconded by Leachman to concur with staff. Motion carried**

**SCMPC 2009-12**

Carrollton Township: Zoning Review

Zoning Request: B-1 Business Office to R-1 Low Density Residential  
Township Action: Planning Commission recommended approval on April 20, 2009.

Staff Conclusions: The requested rezoning is consistent with the Master Plan and will promote the development of affordable housing. Staff has no objections.

SCMPC Recommendation: Approval. Staff concurs with the Township Planning Commission and recommends adoption. **Motion made by Kerr, seconded by Hornak to concur with staff. Motion carried.**

### **SCMPC 2009-13**

Thomas Township: Text Amendment

Request: Add regulations for portable storage containers.

Township Action: Recommended adoption by Board after public hearing on April 15, 2009.

Staff Conclusions: The proposed amendment expands the scope of the ordinance to regulate portable storage containers. Staff has no objections.

SCMPC Recommendation: Approval. Staff concurs with the Township Planning Commission and recommends adoption. **Motion made by Leachman, seconded by Bishop to concur with staff. Motion carried.**

### **SCMPC 2009-14**

Bridgeport Charter: Text Amendment

Request: Wind Energy System

Township Action: Recommended adoption by Board after public hearing on April 27, 2009.

Staff Conclusions: The proposed amendment is intended to regulate wind energy systems. The proposed regulations are very detailed and complete. We recommend their adoption.

SCMPC Recommendation: Approval. Staff concurs with the Township Planning Commission and recommends adoption. **Motion made by Houlihan, seconded by Williams to concur with staff. Motion carried.**

### **SCMPC 2009-15**

Blumfield Township: Text Amendment

Request: Wind Energy Systems (WES) and Meteorological Tower (MET)

Township Action: Recommended adoption by Board after public hearing on May 11, 2009.

Staff Conclusions: The proposed amendment will establish regulation for the development of the wind energy systems and related facilities. Due to the availability of the Bridgeport Twp. Ordinance, we encourage Blumfield Twp to also examine that ordinance prior to final adoption.

SCMPC Recommendation: Denied. **Motion made by Geiersbach, seconded by Bishop to concur with staff. Motion Carried.**

**SCMPC 2009-16**

Buena Vista Charter: Zoning Review

Request: Add regulations for portable storage containers.

Township Action: Recommended adoption by Board after public hearing on May 14, 2009.

Staff Conclusions: Based on the information submitted, it is not clear why the applicant is requesting B-1 zoning for senior housing development. It would appear to be more appropriate to seek rezoning to a classification that explicitly permits housing development, either as a permitted use or by special use approval, such as the R-2 or R-3 districts. Staff has no objections.

SCMPC Recommendation: Approval. Despite the issue noted by staff above, the availability of retail and service businesses in the vicinity appears to be compatible with the proposed housing development. The Township may wish to consider modifying the plan and ordinance to promote mixed use development in the area if that is the intent. Staff concurs with the Township Planning Commission and recommends adoption. **Motion made by Bishop, seconded by Allen to concur with staff. Motion carried.**

Proposed TIP Amendments 2008 – 2011

**STARS Transit Projects**

2009-49 FY 2009, add new project, Capital Vehicles, total cost \$2,020,000 (100% Federal ARRA). *Originally listed as \$1,020,000; TPC recommends approval at higher funding level due to possible redistribution of additional funds.*

2009-50 FY 2009, add new project, Capital Facilities, total cost \$1,445,504 (100% Federal ARRA).

2009-51 FY 2010, Capital Vehicles, reduce total cost to \$5,418,000 (\$4,334,400 FTA 5309 and \$1,083,600 CTF).

2009-52 FY 2010, Capital Facilities, reduce total cost to \$2,588,120 (\$2,070,496 FTA 5309 and \$517,624 CTF).

**City of Saginaw**

2009-53 FY 2011, Michigan Ave mill and pave. Change project limits to Stephens to State (currently Stephens to Genesee).

### **Saginaw County Road Commission**

- 2009-54 FY 2009 & 2010 Rural Task Force projects. *See separate list.* All chip seal projects. Total ARRA apportionment to Rural Task Force \$756,362.
- 2009-55 FY 2009. Delete PE for Carrollton Rd, total cost \$75,000 (\$60,000 STUL, \$15,000 local).
- 2009-56 FY 2009. Add new project, PE for Shattuck Rd, Michigan to Carrollton, reconstruction. Total cost \$75,000 (\$60,000 STUL, \$15,000 local).
- 2009-57 FY 2011. Delete Carrollton Rd mill & pave, total cost \$900,000.
- 2009-58 FY 2010. Add new project, Shattuck Rd reconstruction, Michigan to Carrollton. Total cost \$1,000,000 (\$800,000 STUL, \$200,000 local).
- 2009-59 FY 2011. Brockway, Wieneke to Center, mill/pave/widen. Move to 2010. Total cost \$600,000 (\$480,000 STUL, \$120,000 local).
- 2009-60 FY 2010. Add new project, PE for Freeland Rd, M-47 to RR tracks, reconstruction. Total cost \$75,000 (\$60,000 STUL, \$15,000 local).
- 2009-61 FY 2010. Add new project, PE for Tittabawassee Rd, Mackinaw to Bay, mill & pave. Total cost \$75,000 (\$60,000 STUL, \$15,000 local).
- 2009-62 FY 2011. Add new project, Freeland Rd, M-47 to RR tracks, reconstruction. Total cost \$700,000 (\$560,000 STUL, \$140,000 local).
- 2009-63 FY 2011. Add new project, Tittabawassee Rd, Mackinaw to Bay, mill & pave. Total cost \$600,000 (\$480,000 STUL, \$120,000 local).

### **Buena Vista Charter Township**

- 2009-64 FY 2009. Add new project, Town Center Infrastructure & Streetscape, \$237,500, TCSP project (Federal earmark).

### **STARS Transit Project**

- 2009-65 FY 2009. Add new project, facilities and vehicles improvements, \$190,000 FTA 5309, \$47,500 CTF (state), total cost \$237,500.

**Motion by Hornak, seconded by Houlihan to approve 2008 -2011 Proposed TIP Amendments as presented. Motion carried.**

**Motion to close public hearing by Kerr, seconded by Williams at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried.**

D. Other

Bell informed members of the following upcoming events and advised those interested to contact the department.

Alternative Energy session at SVSU on Thursday, May 21, 2009, from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pedestrian Safety Webinar at the SMATS office on Thursday on May 28, 2009, from 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

VII. COMMISSIONERS TO BE HEARD

Geiersbach expressed concern that Saginaw County did not receive a proportional share of stimulus dollars. Chairman Courtney suggested that local state level elected official along with MDOT Regional staff be invited to an upcoming Planning Commission meeting to discuss, Doug Bell will follow-up.

Several Commissioners participated in a discussion regarding the economic and transportation ramifications of “urban sprawl” in Saginaw County, and the role the Planning Commission could take to facilitate this topic being examined.

VIII. **Motion by Hornak, seconded by Houlihan to adjourn the May 19, 2009, Planning Commission meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried**