



# Planning Commission Work Session

**MINUTES**    OCTOBER 4, 2011    6:08 PM–8:18 PM    LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Chairman Gregory Day
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Judy Merrill
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Kenneth Hellewell, Tyler Bodrero, T.J. Jensen, Gary Pratt, Braxton Schenk, and Kent Andersen

## ITEM 1: DISCUSSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS

Commissioners went through each section of the proposed Bylaws and suggested changes. Afterwards, Gregory asked staff to email the revised Bylaws to all commissioners without the red lines as well as a separate version with the suggested changes shown. Commissioners preferred to discuss the document in a work session one more time, since both Dale Rackham and Curt McCuisition were absent that evening from the discussion, prior to recommending the Bylaws to City Council for adoption. Gregory directed staff to then place the Bylaws on a regular agenda for action on November 1, 2011.

## ITEM 2: COMMITTEE REPORTS

TJ explained how their Committee had been working very meticulously on the Master Trail Plan language and believed it would probably be ready to present to the Commission some time in November.

## ITEM 3: DISCUSSION OF NEXT AGENDA

Kent advised commissioners of City Council’s comments regarding the proposed amendments to Title 10 specific to animals. They were uncomfortable with adding the word ‘pigeons’ to the table outlining the point system. TJ suggested that Gary attend the City Council’s meeting to discuss their concerns with pigeons. Kent explained that City Council preferred not to specifically identify pigeons, because fowl included them. They also wanted an alternative point system for parcels ¼ to ½ acres in size. Gary pointed out that their recommendation did not include a change to the acreage in Title 10. They simply added pigeons, because the only fowl listed were non-flying fowl. Gregory asked commissioners to look at that Section of the Ordinance for a future discussion.

## ITEM 4. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Kent informed commissioners that the City would now be sending paycheck stubs to their City emails. After a brief discussion about the issues with the City-email system, Kenneth suggested sending the Commission packets to their City emails as well as messages to their regular emails notifying them of the available information.

Kent informed commissioners that City Council approved the Syracuse Assisted Living Site Plan. He then advised them of an issue staff would be addressing with commissioners in the near future regarding the Rentmeister location, at 1950 West 2250 South, by Star Video. With Russell Rentmeister’s plans to relocate to 1752 West 1700 South, the land owner expressed concern for being able to utilize his existing location, since most commercial uses would not want to locate in the middle of residential. He inquired as to the possibility of using his property for storage units, which General Commercial did not permit. Kenneth expressed concern with changing uses in the GC zone, because it would affect every GC Zone throughout Syracuse. Storage units might be fine at this location, but residents probably did not want them in other GC zones. Kent explained that staff would be crafting and proposing a new Light Industrial zone for commissioners to consider, which would allow the same uses as GC but some light manufacturing and storage units as well.