

**MINUTES OF THE AVON LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Co- Chairmen Knilans called the Avon Lake Planning Commission Regular Meeting of November 1, 2011 to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Fenderbosch, Mr. Hamman, Mr. Knilans, Mr. Sherban, Mr. Simonovich, Mayor Zuber, Director of Law Kerner, Engineering Manager Reitz.

Mr. Knilans stated that Mr. Fell had let us know at the last Planning Commission meeting that he would not be available for meeting tonight. Mr. Fell is out of town.

There were no objections to the absence of Mr. Fell, so the absence is excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Fenderbosch stated she would like to make an amendment to page 5, second to the last paragraph. Mrs. Fenderbosh would like to add the word “commercially” to the sentence. Mrs. Fenderbosch stated that there really isn’t any renewable energy being used right now “commercially” except for Watteredge on Pin Oak Parkway.

Mr. Simonovich moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 regular meeting as amended. Mayor Zuber seconded the motion.

AYES: All NAYS: None

GENERAL CORESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Fenderbosch reported on the cases that have been heard at City Council and reported on the approvals.

SWEARING IN

Director of Law Kerner swore in applicants and members of the audience speaking to items on the agenda.

TABLED CASE:

**CASE NO. 015-11
RENEWABLE ENERGY CODE
NEW CODE SECTION**

**THIS PROPOSED NEW CODE SECTION IS
BEING SENT TO PLANNING
COMMISSION BY CITY COUNCIL AND
WILL CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION
WHICH REGULATED RENEWABLE
ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS.**

Mr. Reitz stated this section being proposed by City Council, the Renewable Energy Task Force, and as written by the Zoning Administrator and will create a new code section which defines how structures are regulated and the approval procedures for such. This proposed code section has had a lengthy discussion and is being sent to Planning Commission by Council for a review and recommendation.

Per the discussion at the October 4, 2011 Planning Commission meeting an additional definition will be added to the proposed legislation and is attached as a separate copy.

Mr. Reitz who is the representative for this case stated that after the comments of the October 4, 2011 meeting Law Director Kerner, Ruth Booher, Zoning Administrator and Mrs. Fenderbosh, Councilwoman and Renewable Energy Task Force Member, got together and modified the Definitions Section to include a “Renewable Energy System” in the definitions.

The new Renewable Energy System definition reads as follows: An energy system powered by a natural resource such as sunlight or wind rather than by the use of a conventional source of energy such as petroleum products, natural gas, manufactured gas, or electricity produced from a nonrenewable source, and specifically including a wind energy system and/or a solar energy system as defined in this Chapter.

Law Director Kerner stated that at the October 4, 2011 Planning Commission meeting a comment was made about there being no definition in the new code section for “Renewable Energy”. This modification was made because of the comments made at that meeting. This definition will tie the code sections together. The modification was the only item commented on at the last meeting.

Law Director Kerner stated that the modification will need to be included in the motion when made for recommendation to City Council.

Mr. Jeff Burns, 2505 Aqua Marine Blvd., with Dovetail Solar and Wind commented on the new code section. He stated that it is good to see city is moving ahead with regulations for the new technology.

There were no other comments regarding the code section from Planning Commission Members.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved to recommend approval of City Council's proposed amendment to the Planning and Zoning Code enacting a renewable energy code as modified by the Planning Commission's inclusion of the definition of a "Renewable Energy System". Mr. Sherban seconded the motion.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Mr. Knilans stated that this case has passed and will now move on to City Council for readings and approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Mr. Knilans stated that the next Planning Commission meeting will be December 6, 2011.

DISCUSSION ITEM

None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

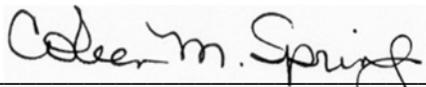
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Zuber moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. the November 1, 2011 Planning Commission meeting. Mrs. Fenderbosch seconded the motion.

AYES: All NAYS: None

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be on December 6, 2011.

Gary Fell, Chairperson



Coleen M. Spring, Recording Secretary