Land Use Planning Committee
Summary of August 7, 2000 Meeting
Olde Stone Building

Members present: Christina Brown, Marcia Cini, Michael Donaroma, Jane Greene, Richard Toofe, Anne Gallagher
Staff present: Christine Flynn, David Wessling
Others present: See attached list

Meeting opened at 5:48 P.M. by Michael Donaroma

Affordable Housing Policy

After brief introductory comments by Mr. Donaroma and Ms. Brown, Ms. Cini commented on the Commission’s affordable housing policy which was recently approved. She talked about the Staff’s comments, comments from others and the need for additional information. She maintained that the policy is needed and justified. However, she agreed with the policy’s critics that it should be strengthened with additional data. She then endorsed a Request For Proposals process.

Ms. Greene agreed with Ms. Cini’s remarks and made a motion to recommend returning to the previous affordable housing policy. Ms. Brown, siding with Ms. Greene, asked to rescind or table the current housing policy.

During the discussion of the motion, Ms. Cini provided additional details as to the RFP.

Ms. Brown requested that the Commission’s Planning and Economic Development Committee oversee the policy revisions. Ms. Gallagher asked questions about the RFP, its purposes and possible consulting firms.

Ms. Cini presented a draft RFP request which was discussed by the Members present. In the end, the Members directed the Executive Director to “put together” the RFP.

Then, Mr. Donaroma called for a vote and the recommendation was approved unanimously.
S.A.V. Warehouse (DRI #523)

The Members present discussed the proposal that had been discussed at a public hearing held on August 3, 2000.

Ms. Greene at the outset made a motion to recommend approval of the proposal with the following conditions:

1. To reverse the one-way traffic pattern shown on the site plan presented at the public hearing.
2. To change the location of the leaching pits (to the west side of building from the east side).
3. To alter the curb cuts. One 30' exit way is to be located at the northwesterly corner of the lot.
4. Entrance to Lot 25 shall be from Lot 24.
5. A drainage swale shall be constructed along the easterly property line.
6. Lighting shall be meet Federal Aviation Administration standards and shall be motion detector activated.
7. Any change of use shall require Commission review.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown.

The matter of the affordable housing policy was debated during the discussion of the motion. The Members favored the Applicant’s offer of $10,800, which is the amount required by the current policy. If the policy is rolled back, the Applicant’s first offer (which was consistent with the policy at the time of the application) of $3,780 should be sufficient. Additionally, the Members directed Staff to encourage the Applicant to contribute more than the base amount.

Mr. Donaroma suggested that the surface runoff be retained on the lot rather than specifying a method - swales versus other drainage structures.

The vote was called and the motion was approved unanimously.

Note: Ms. Cini and Ms. Gallagher were not present.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

Summary prepared by David Wessling