

City of Grosse Pointe Park  
Planning Commission  
July 16, 2015  
11:30 A.M.  
Minutes

A meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 11:30 a.m. within Council Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

Present: Mike Fikany, Jim Robson, David Gaskin, Mark McCourt, Greg Theokas, Fred Olds, Dale Krajniak, & Dennis Levasseur, City Attorney.

Excused: Robert Buhl.

Minutes

Moved by Graham, supported by McCourt, to approve prior meeting minutes as presented.

AYES: All.

NAYS: None.

Kercheval Avenue Update

**PARKING**

Members discussed district parking requirements. Agreed to review Grosse Pointe Farms & Grosse Pointe City allowances for parking improvement fees & establishment of a dedicated parking fund.

Darrell Finken property sale & buyer to provide a small wine bar for the first floor & incorporated an allowance for parking improvement. Capital fee equal to \$5,000 per space if a short fall exists.

**KERCHEVAL**

No updates from Detroit regarding demolitions.

Planters set in place with landscape design consultant & market manager. Krajniak noted Jennifer Strong still slightly re-arranging. Barbee requested approval to relocate tree pots where he thought they should be. Members agreed to leave the decision up the landscape design consultant & market manager.

Levasseur recommended entertainment added to Kercheval, including musical instruments for foot traffic. Also asked bookstore owner to consider placing books & related reading materials on sidewalk area to encourage foot traffic. Owner noted he wouldn't fit in with his current business plan. Barbee noted he would follow-up on placement of a piano.

Discussed upcoming opening of robot garage at the end of the month.

Mack Avenue

Members discussed need to address new sidewalks, trees, & place priority in the area. Noted sidewalk/curb work expected this fall on the block located between Maryland & Lakepointe.

Boulevard discussed but all agreed blight removal a higher priority at this stage.

Noted still no active interest in City owned Mack Avenue properties.

Parks

Noted Park Foundation is seeking an atrium addition upon the Tompkins Center as its next project.

Jefferson Avenue

Discussed at length desire to relocate D.P.W. Yard for Jefferson redevelopment.

With no further business meeting adjourned.