

**MINUTES
CITY OF DARIEN
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
March 6, 2013**

PRESENT: Beverly Meyer – Chairperson, Don Hickok, John Lind, Lou Mallers, Ray Mielkus, Pauline Oberland, Ken Ritzert, Michael Griffith – Senior Planner, Elizabeth Lahey-Secretary

ABSENT: Ron Kiefer, Susan Vonder Heide

Chairperson Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall – City Council Chambers, Darien, Illinois and declared a quorum present and swore in the audience members wishing to present public testimony.

A. Public Hearing - PZC 2013-01: 8190 Cass Avenue: Petitioner requests a special use to establish a medical clinic within the O Office Zoning District.

Mr. Michael Griffith – Senior Planner presented the staff report. He reported that petitioner is seeking a special use for a general medical practice.

The petitioner, Dr. Maininder Kohli and his attorney, Dan Shapiro were present. Mr. Shapiro reported that the special use is being requested in order to open a medical practice. He reported that the petitioner is planning on doing business on Tuesdays and Fridays with approximately ten patients per day. He further reported that the practice will have two or three employees and a lab and that parking is more than adequate.

Mr. Griffith reported that he did not receive any objections from residents. He reported that staff also had no issues.

Chairperson Meyer questioned what the additional space would be used for and if there would be surgery performed on site.

Mr. Shapiro reported that he was unsure about the space but that surgery would not be performed at the site.

Commissioner Hickok questioned the exits and if the Fire Department approved.

Mr. Griffith reported that the petitioner will have to submit a building permit and that the Fire Department will look at the plans as well as the Code Department.

Chairperson Meyer questioned if there are plans in the future to expand hours.

Mr. Shapiro stated that presently no but that if successful they will expand incrementally.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment and Chairperson Meyer closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Commissioner Ritzert made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Mallers that based upon the information presented, the request associated with PZC 2013-01 is in conformance with the standards of the Darien City Code and move that the Planning and Zoning Commission approve the petition as presented.

Upon roll call vote, THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0. Commissioner Kiefer and Commissioner Vonder Heide were not present.

Mr. Griffith reported that this would be forwarded to the Municipal Services Committee on March 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hickok made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Mallers to waive the reading of the January 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0. Commissioner Kiefer, and Commissioner Vonder Heide were not present.

Commissioner Mallers made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Mielkus to approve the January 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0. Commissioner Kiefer and Commissioner Vonder Heide were not present.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS/PLANNER'S REPORT

Mr. Griffith provided the Commission with an update of projects for this spring.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Griffith announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, Commissioner Hickok made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Ritzert to adjourn. Upon voice vote, THE MOTION CARRIED unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

**Elizabeth Lahey
Secretary**

**Beverly Meyer
Chairman**