May 13, 2010

Planning Commission

- Discussion: Definition of Home-based Business
- Discussion: Proposed Landscaping Ordinance

Chairman Arthur Goddard called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Dennis Fiorelli, Martin Gallito, Andre Reynolds and Ron Sabransky. Also present: Paul Kowalczyk

Definition of Home-based Business – Councilwoman Jane Goodman was present and distributed letters to the commissioners in regards to her response to the Planning Commission's vote to not recommend approval of Ordinance 52-09, amending section 721.03 Accessory Uses permitted in Residential Districts. She invited the members to attend the next meeting of HomeBase, the Home-based Business Association of South Euclid. She indicated that the directory of home-based businesses has been in existence for about five years. Mr. Sabransky studied the ordinances of other cities regarding home-based businesses/home occupations and the percentage of allowed space or the total amount of square footage that may be used. The issues of visibility, traffic and no signage were discussed. Chairman Goddard stated that the city's Code lacks a definition of a home-based business. He indicated that the objective is to give guidelines to the enforcers of the Code. He also explained to Councilwoman Goodman why the commissioners voted no on the proposed ordinance. After some discussion Chairman Goddard stated that Mr. Sabransky will condense and eliminate some duplication and will present the revisions at the next meeting.

Proposed Landscaping Ordinance – The commissioners reviewed a few sections of the proposed Landscaping Ordinance. Chairman Goddard stated that the city's Landscape Architect, Christine Meske will be invited to the next meeting. Mr. Kowalczyk stated that he completed his review of the parking regulations.

Chairman Goddard made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gallito. All ayes. Minutes approved. (5-0-0)

Chairman Goddard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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Arthur Goddard, Chairman Date

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Barbara Latini, Recording Secretary