

**City of Brighton
Planning Commission
Minutes
July 18, 2011**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The following were present:

Larry Schillinger
John Wells
Matt Smith
David McLane
Dave Petrak
Bob Pawlowski
Al Wirth

Motion by Mr. Wells, supported by Mr. Wirth, to excuse Commission Members Monet and Bryan from tonight's meeting. **Motion carried 7-0-2.**

Also present were Amy Cyphert, Lauri French and Matt Modrack from Staff, and an audience of one.

2. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 7:31 p.m. Hearing no response, Vice-Chairperson Smith closed the call to the public.

3. Approval of the June 20, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Schillinger, supported by Mr. Pawlowski, to approve the June 20, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

4. Approval of the July 18, 2011 Agenda

Motion by Mr. Schillinger, supported by Mr. McLane, to approve tonight's agenda as presented. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

Old Business

New Business

5. Site Plan – September 11th Memorial – Brighton Area Fire Department #11-007

Amy Cyphert, Acting Planning & Zoning Director for the City of Brighton, briefly reviewed the applicant's site plan and artist renderings for the 9/11 Memorial to be located in front of the Grand River fire station. Mike O'Brian of the BAFD reviewed the memorial plans in more detail. It will be located in the current greenbelt in front of the station. The BAFD has been working with Lindhout Associates on a conceptual design which was shown to the board members, and they are ready to go as soon as they receive final approval from Planning Commission and City Council. The materials will consist of pavers, which are being donated by Uni-Lock with the center of the memorial containing crushed concrete, which is being donated by Guido Bono, and Corrigan is acting as the construction manager. The piece of World Trade Center steel will be suspended by four posts ranging in height from 10 to 14 feet above the ground. He explained that the black area around the perimeter of the memorial will be engraved with the names of the firefighters who perished on 9/11. He noted that Mike Kennedy, formerly of the BAFD and now chief of the South Lyon Fire Department, and Greg Mowbray of the BAFD have been instrumental in bringing this

plan to reality.

Greg Mowbray, BAFD, talked about how they were successful in obtaining a piece of WTC steel from the New York/New Jersey Port Authority, a process which started back in 2009. The piece of steel is from one of the sky lobbies at the WTC, but they were not able to determine if it is from Tower 1 or Tower 2. He noted that there are two markers on the drawings – one, at the beginning of the paver walkway, which describes the memorial and the other will be granite with “We Will Never Forget” on one side and the names of the contributors and donors to the memorial on the other side. He explained the crushed concrete at the center of the memorial should be a deterrent to climbing on the steel. The steel will be underlit at night from the center with lights and the memorial sidewalk will also be lit.

Mr. Wirth asked if there would be seating located around the memorial. Mr. Mowbray explained that the raised area can be used to sit on but since the memorial was envisioned and designed to represent a journey, no benches have been planned. He also explained the background of how the process started as a result of an inquiry from Mr. Wells. Mr. Mowbray noted the memorial has to be done in time for the 9/11 ceremony. Ms. Cyphert noted that the next step is City Council approval in early August.

Motion by Mr. Schillinger, supported by Mr. Wells, to recommend site plan approval for the BAFD September 11th Memorial, last dated 6-30-2011, as drawn by Lindhout Associates, subject to the following conditions:

1. **That irrigation is provided for the new planting beds.**
2. **That right of way permits be obtained from the Department of Public Services, if applicable.**
3. **That any damages done to the existing public sidewalk be repaired to current condition.**

The motion carried 7-0-2.

Other Business

6. **Staff Updates** – None

7. **Call to the Public**

The call to the public was made at 7:45p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed at 7:45 p.m.

8. **Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Petrak, supported by Mr. McLane, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. **The motion carried 7-0-2.**

John Wells, Secretary

Lauri French, Recording Secretary

The next Planning Commission board meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2011.