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**ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOV. 17, 2011, 7 P.M.**

Note: A training session on “Density” was held prior to the regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p. m. by Chairman Jim Trout.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Al Taylor, Jon Phillips, Susan Barnard, Nancy Story, Tom Koon, Craig Peterson, Roger Cody, Doug Mortenson. Also present: Onekama Township Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot, Onekama Village Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler, Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard.

MINUTES: Motion by Cody, second by Phillips to accept the minutes with the following corrections: under Disincorporation- change Burgher to Burger; under Review, Discussion of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Draft- delete last sentence starting with “ Trout will-”--and correct to read “ With input from Planning Commission members, Trout will send a letter to Consultant John Iacoangeli of Beckett & Raeder regarding the commission members' dissatisfaction and disappointment with the “Working Document” and revisions sent by Beckett & Raeder in late September of 2011, asking that Beckett & Raeder fill in the missing links to previous questions posed by the zoning ordinance committee and address other issues of concern”. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Add Capital Improvement Program, Safe Route to School, Collaborative Master Plan, Wind Energy, under New Business.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Philpot reported 4 land use permits issued, one land use permit not issued yet; no violations, for month of October.

Consultant John Iacoangeli arrived at 7:12 p.m.

ZONING ORDINANCE/BECKETT & RAEDER: Comments were received from Zoning Administrators Philpot and Schindler. The commission discussed several areas that need further explanations and answers, including Building Heights, Certificate of Land Use Permit Compliance, Incomplete Structure, Temporary Building, Storage Buildings, Garden Sheds, Hunting Blinds and Temporary Stands. Iacoangeli and the zoning ordinance committee will meet to go over and resolve these issues.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Trout reported on a news release from the Michigan Attorney General which says that the state cannot require law enforcement officers to violate federal law by mandating return of marijuana to registered patients or caregivers.

BY-LAWS: Motion by Barnard, second by Cody that the By-laws Article V, Section 1 be amended to read that “ regular meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month, excluding February and March, when no regular meetings will be held. Motion carried. Article IV, Section 1: **Motion** by Story, second by Barnard that Article IV, Section 1 be amended to state that “ election of officers shall take

place at the second regular meeting of the calendar year”. Motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL: Taylor reported that he discussed with School supt. Kevin Hughes the need to place the Safe Route to schools project into the Capital Improvement Program. Hughes will contact Phillips regarding this matter.

WIND ENERGY STUDY GROUP: Barnard reported on the response to questions asked in the “Understanding Wind Initiative” in the Benzie/Manistee County Wind Energy Report.

COLLABORATIVE MASTER PLAN: Barnard to attend a meeting on this issue Friday, Nov. 18.

BROADBAND: Phillips and Peterson will continue to keep the planners informed of any progress in this area.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard
Recording Secretary

Jim Trout, Chairman

Nancy Story, Secretary