

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
PLANNING-CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN**

For the Special Meeting of the Planning-Citizen Advisory Commission August 10, 2009 at 7 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Folsom and the Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Commissioners Green, Jahnke, LaPonsie, Schrauben and Chairman Folsom.

Absent: Noall.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, DPW Director Dan DesJarden, Mayor Jim Hodges and Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcer Doug Hopkins.

Item #1. **AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT TO INCLUDE GROUP AND COMMERCIAL DAY CARE HOMES AND FACILITIES AS A SPECIAL USE IN THE R-2 AND R-3 DISTRICTS – ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING (8/24)**. At the last meeting of July 27, a public hearing was established to consider a group day care home (up to 12 children) at 529 Avery. It was assumed the property in questions was zoned R-3 which allows such use. But upon investigation, it is within an R-3 district where this is not within special uses.

The R-2 and R-3 districts do not provide for group and commercial day care homes and facilities. Thus, a proposed ordinance would allow for these special uses.

Chairman Folsom questioned if two and three family homes which are allowed in R-2 and R-3 district would have the adequate space to handle such a large day care. City Manager Pasquale responded the State has strict requirements for daycares. Also, the City has certain specific requirements for daycares.

Commissioner Schrauben asked if any other district other than R-1 allowed this type of use. Pasquale stated Suburban Residential does.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by LAPONSIE to establish a public hearing for August 24, 2009 to consider amending Zoning Ordinance text to include group and commercial day care homes and facilities as a Special Use in the R-2 and R-3 districts.

YEA: 5 NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONISE to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Doug Folsom, Chairman

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk