

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION

September 29, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Fox.

Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruff, Butcher, Fitch, Fox, Harvey, Kemp, Livingston, and Wascher.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** vacant position

**AGENDA AMENDMENT:** Motion by Commissioner Bruff, supported by Commissioner Harvey to amend the agenda to include a Commissioner Comment section after the Site Plan Review.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

**SITE PLAN REVIEW:** MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE, 826 W. KING STREET  
PROPOSED RELOCATION OF MAIN ENTRANCE CANOPY AND  
DRIVE- UP CENTER, AND ADDITIONAL PARKING AREA.

Brian White, Memorial Healthcare Director of Facilities, stated that the plan is to have additional parking near Ada Street, to improve the grade, and alter the retention pond. There will be a drive-under canopy at the Mitchell Center. They will also add 74 parking spaces to prepare for the next project. The main drive will remain the same.

Commissioner Fitch asked about changing the box lights to hockey puck style lights.

Mr. White stated the lights would be high pressure sodium and that they would be adding four lights.

John Archer, Building Official, stated that an internal plan review with City Engineer Ron Baker, Utilities Director Gary Burk, and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Bradley and himself was conducted. The results were that the water stop boxes on Ada Street should be brought up to final grade and be maintained in case the hospital ever wants to use them for something like irrigation.

Commissioner Harvey asked if the hospital was on its own electrical grid.

Mr. White stated that the hospital was connected to two grids and had three generators.

Commissioner Wascher asked if the sidewalk was to be continued to Jennett.

Mr. White stated yes and demonstrated on the map. It will be stripped so it will be recognizable.

Commissioner Livingston asked if the canopy was a permanent main entrance.

Mr. White stated no, it's a permanent canopy, but a temporary entrance.

Commissioner Livingston asked about traffic coming in and out. Will that alter on King Street and cause more traffic on Shiawassee Street?

Mr. White commented, not particularly.

Mr. Archer stated that the ordinance requires egress and ingress from a major thoroughfare. King Street has been grandfathered in over the years.

Commissioner Harvey asked when the new structure would begin on the main entrancr.

Mr. White stated he would bring in the plans in December or January and then start construction next spring. The parking and canopy, this fall.

Chairman Fox asked about the height of the canopy. He had talked to a driver from SATA.

Mr. White stated the architects have already talked to SATA.

Chairman Fox asked how much deeper would the retention pond be?

Mr. White stated less than a foot.

Mr. Archer stated that this is not a holding pond – it collects and then slowly dissipates the water.

Commissioner Bruff stated the pond has drains. Have the corrections been made yet?

Mr. Archer stated no, he hasn't gotten the new plans yet.

Motion by Commissioner Bruff supported by Commissioner Harvey to approve the final site plan review with the conditions of the water stop boxes being raised; lighting correction; and the sidewalk to Jennett Street.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

**COMMISSIONER / CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fitch asked where did the code book say that new sidewalks had to be installed with new roads.

Mr. Archer stated that was not an ordinance, it was city policy.

Commissioner Fitch asked how come Oliver Street didn't have to have sidewalks when N. Hickory had to.

Mr. Archer said it was a council action and Mr. Fitch would have to talk to the council. Council holds a public hearing and then a determination is made.

Commissioner Bruff stated there were a number of requests not to put in the sidewalk.

Commissioner Fitch stated that the sidewalk on Hickory Street is dangerous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Commissioner Bruff, supported by Commissioner Fitch to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

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Tracy Butcher, Secretary