

**CITY OF LEWISTON
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
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I. ROLL CALL: This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers on the First Floor of City Hall, was called to order at 5:40 p.m., and was chaired by Chairperson, Steve Morgan

Members in Attendance: Lucy Bisson, Paul Robinson, Roger Philippon, Steve Morgan and Jonathan Earle

Absent: David Vincent and Denis Fortier

Associate Members Present: Bruce Damon **Absent:** Trinh Burpee

Staff Present: Gildace Arsenault, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement; David Hediger, City Planner; and Joline Boulay, Senior Principal Clerk of Planning & Code Enforcement

Bruce Damon was a full voting member for the entire meeting.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

III. CORRESPONDENCE: None

IV. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. *The consideration and recommendation of the FY 2010 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program to the City Council*

Jim Bennett gave a brief overview of the FY 2010 LCIP stating that this year had the smallest funding requests. Members of the board quickly referenced funding for the transit, Bates Mill #5, street light upgrades, computer system upgrades and school operations. Jim stated that he does not work with the school budget regularly and would contact Leon Levesque with any questions the board may have. Jim answered a series of questions asked by the board in reference to the budget summary sheets. Lucy Bisson questioned whether there was an error on the description on page III-74, and questioned whether Webber Avenue should be Webster Street. Jim stated he would look into it and get back to the board with any correction.

There, being no further discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: *by Lucy Bisson that the Planning Board send a favorable recommendation to the City Council on the FY2010 Lewiston Capital Improvement Program.*
Second by Roger Philippon.

VOTED: 6-0 (Passed).

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. *Recommendation for the acquisition of 149 Pine Street.*

Mark McComas, Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development was present for the proposed city purchase of 149 Pine Street. Community Credit Union has entered a purchase and sale agreement with the current owner of 149 Pine Street for \$45,000.00. The building is currently condemned and has been unfit for occupation for approximately three years. Mark explained the City would assume the purchase and sale agreement from the Community Credit Union, demolish the building, and clear the site. The site would then be turned over to St. Mary's Health System's Lots to Gardens for establishment of a community garden. Site control is provided to Lots to Gardens through a conservation easement. The expectation is that Community Credit Union and Lots to Gardens would jointly maintain the lot long term and that City Public Works crews would not be required to do so. Mark agreed that this acquisition/demolition project is an excellent candidate for CDBG funds.

There, being no further discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION: *by Lucy Bisson that the Planning Board send a favorable recommendation to the City Council for the acquisition of 149 Pine Street.*
Second by Paul Robinson.

VOTED: 6-0 (Passed).

B. Any other business Planning Board Members may have relating to the duties of the Lewiston Planning Board. None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Zoning and Land Use updates, including zoning matrix, SR districts and open space provisions. No update.

B. A discussion about permitted uses and storefront appearances in the Centreville (CV) zoning district. No updates.

C. A discussion regarding Urban Design Standards. No updates.

VIII. MINUTES: Draft Meeting Minutes for Planning Board Meetings held on February 9, 2009.

MOTION: *by Lucy Bisson that the Planning Board accept the minutes, as presented.
Second by Bruce Damon.*

VOTED: *6-0 (Passed).*

IX. ADJOURNMENT: The following motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: *by Steve Morgan that the Planning Board adjourn this meeting at 6:44 p.m. Second by Roger Philippon.*

VOTED: *6-0 (Passed).*

Respectfully submitted,



Lucy Bisson, Planning Board Vice Chairperson

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