

**Devils Lake Planning Commission**  
**11-26-08**

Present: Larry Liere, Kevin Davidson, Tom Traynor, Terry Thompson, Marlene Bertsch, Mike Grafsgaard, Ray Sletteland, Fred Bott.

Larry called the meeting to order.

Ray said at the last meeting he asked for comments from Rolland Herman and Tee Kurtz and since the meeting was over, their comments would be off the record yet they are included in the minutes.

Tom stated that since it is an open meeting, the comments should stay in the minutes.

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Carried.

Altru Clinic-Lake Region is requesting a three year extension to the conditional use permit approved in November 2006 to place a temporary building behind the clinic to allow expansion of services until a permanent building could be constructed. The original conditional permit use permit was for a two year period.

Ray made a motion to approve the request for a three year extension. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion.

Mike stated that Gary Martinson had heard no complaints about the temporary building. The clinic is requesting the extension so they have time to get funding in place for the new building. Gary recommended approval of the request.

Larry didn't think they would get financing in three years because the medical services are in tough shape financially.

Marlene asked if the Planning Commission would ever make this type of use be removed.

Tom said that once the conditions have expired, the building would have to be moved.

Fred stated that if we received complaints, we would make them move the building. To date, no complaints have been heard.

Larry recommended that we go ahead and approve an extension for one year at a time.

Ray made a motion to approve a one year extension to the existing conditional use permit to place a temporary structure behind the Altru Clinic-Lake Region and have the clinic submit a new letter asking for a one year extension. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene. Carried.

Mike reviewed the Urban Roads Project listing for 2010-2013.

He stated College Dr is on the State's regional system, which means the State does more financial participation. Corings were completed on the west underpass area and showed that it is not in good condition. This pushed the project from rehabilitation to major reconstruction that won't be completed until 2012. In 2009 we know that a asphalt overlay on the concrete section will happen, while we will look at a mill and overlay for the rest of the street. We will start with the area from Hwy 19 to the north city limits first, and if more matching funds are available, will do all the way south to Highway 2.

Watermain replacement on 7<sup>th</sup> St NE is scheduled for 2010 and following a freeze/thaw season, the street section will be repaired.

Urban Roads Projects that will be submitted for 2010-2013 are:

2009 - 10<sup>th</sup> St NE from College Dr to 14<sup>th</sup> Ave NE - mill and overlay

2011 - 7<sup>th</sup> St NE and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave NE - mill and overlay

2012 - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE - concrete rehab

2013 - Walnut St E - reconstruction

Kevin made a motion to recommend approval of the Urban Roads Projects for 2010-2013. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry. Carried.

Marlene asked about the stoplights on College Dr and 6<sup>th</sup> St NE. She said you have to sit through too many lights before you can turn left on 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Mike said the reconstruction project may address the signals, but a mill and overlay wouldn't address the left turn lane.

Marlene made a motion to recommend a study be done to see if a left turn arrow signal is warranted at College Dr and 6<sup>th</sup> St NE. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray. Carried.

Ray said the city should encourage a salvage yard business as long as it is in the proper location. We probably wouldn't get one for a long time because scrap iron prices are way down. It would be nice to have one in the area - it helps keep things cleaned up.

Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson  
Recording Secretary