Call to Order.

Chair Hafslund called the Planning Commission to order at 6:35 pm.

Adopt Agenda.

Motion Will seconded by Flynn to approve agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes.

A. December 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion Will, seconded by Marnoff to approve the December 13, 2011 minutes. Motion approved.

Public Hearings.

No Hearings where scheduled for the evening.

New Business.

A. Sign Ordinance Discussion.

Joanne Foust presented to the Planning Commission further changes to the sign ordinance.

Members discussed the following changes to the current ordinance:

Monument Signs – Isaac Kerry discussed the current dimensions of existing monument signs. The Planning Commission asked that he measure the sign area for the next meeting so they could create a maximum size for the ordinance.

Dynamic Signs – The Commission discussed how they wished to approach regulating dynamic signs. There was discussion as to how quickly a sign should be able to change, whether or not it should have
animation, and whether or not scrolling signs counted as dynamic. Foust stated that the city should look into have a study completed to support their regulations.

Cumulative Signage – Foust recommended the city keep its current ordinance.

Temporary Signs – The Commission discussed the current regulations governing temporary signs. It was noted that currently businesses are not following the ordinance, but that since no complaints were made nothing was done. The Commission felt that the ordinance should not be written in a way that would put many businesses in noncompliance. Foust was asked to create language allowing a business four temporary signs in a 30 day period. The temporary signs would have a 60 sq ft maximum.

B. Planning Commission Organization

Janish noted that the current By Laws of the Planning Commission stipulate that a commissioner must serve for at least one year in order to be eligible for the position of chair or vice-chair.

Motion Marnoff, seconded by Will, to re-appoint Rolf Hafslund to serve as the Chair of the Planning Commission. Motion passed, Hafslund abstain.

Motion Sand, seconded by Schultz, to re-appoint Jeanne Marnoff to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission. Motion passed, Marnoff abstain.

6.0 Old Business.

None.

7.0 Planners Report.

Janish noted that the Planning Commission and City Council have a work sessions scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to discuss the Highway Commercial Architectural Requirements.

8.0 Commissioner Report.

None.

10.0 Adjournment.

Motion Marnoff, seconded Will to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 10:20 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Planning Intern