Members present: Rolf Hafslund, Sally Schultz, Jeff Will, Gene Flynn and Tom Sand. Staff present: Joe Janish, Senior Planner, Joanne Foust- Planning Consultant and City Attorney Annette Margarit.

Others present: Dave Hanson- EDA/Chamber Liaison and Council member Tom Boncher.

1.0 Call to Order.

Chair Rolf Hafslund called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at: 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Agenda.

Motion by Flynn, seconded by Sand to adopt agenda as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried 4-0.

3.0 Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Will seconded by Sand to approve the February 14, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

4.0 Public Hearings. No public hearings were scheduled for the evening.

5.0 Business

A, Sign Ordinance Discussion.

Janish noted that the first draft of the complete sign ordinance has been completed. He invited City Attorney Annette Margarit to attend the Planning Commission meeting and discuss legal issues with sign ordinances, prior to the circulation of the draft to the public for an open house and public hearing.

Margarit referenced documents included in the Planning Commission packet and based on court cases recommended the Planning Commission limit the number of exempt signs. She noted regulations can be distinguished by zoning class as well as commercial versus non-commercial but regulations cannot be content based. Margarit provided an overview of proposed additional subdivisions in the Sign Ordinance including a Substitution Clause and Non-Conforming Signs.

Joanne Foust, Municipal Development Group, Inc. reviewed the changes which were made to the draft Sign Ordinance, which incorporated the recommendations from the City Attorney. The Commission concurred with the proposed changes.

The Commission discussed the next steps in the process. An Open House will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall. A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 with the potential for a recommendation on the Sign Ordinance to be forwarded to the City Council at their April 16, 2012 meeting. Methods of notifying the public of the upcoming meetings was discussed. Staff noted they will forward information to the Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Club, include an article in the newspaper, post the information on the web site and include information at Celebrate Jordan.

6.0 Old Business.

There was no old business.
7.0 Planner’s Report.

Janish reminded Planning Commissioners that there will be a LEGO’s 401 session at the April 16, 2012 City Council Workshop. Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

He also noted that Saturday, March 24th there will be a walkability workshop from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be two routes that will be walked. Commissioners were invited to participate. Interested parties should meet at the High School.

8.0 Commissioners’ Reports.

There were no Commissioner reports.

9.0 Adjournment.

Member Sand made a Motion, Flynn seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Janish, Senior Planner