

MINUTES OF THE OTTAWA PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

August 31, 2011

Chairman Tom Ganiere called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Ottawa City Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Present: Buiting, Burns, Ganiere, Perry, Reagan

Absent: Barron, Less, Howarter, Stone

Others: Commissioner Eichelkraut, Commissioner Aussem, Commissioner Whitney, Commissioner Baxter and City Planner Tami Huftel

OLD BUSINESS

It was moved by Perry and seconded by Buiting to bring the request from John Grieves/Benner Family Pharmacy from the table. Motion carried unanimously.

c. continued Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit – 107,109,113 W. Michigan Street
Commission members discussed the historical significance of the building planned to be torn down at this location. Buiting described the inter-urban system. The “good stuff” has already been torn down. They would have never preserved this building. We can’t save every building. Reagan discussed some of the historic information on the property and the inter-urban system that she had researched. Perry stated a quarter of the structure is gone. Burns we should protect our history. Discussion then moved to the site. Reagan asked how the site be changed if the right-of-way is purchased. Tami said the parking will move closer to the road and the building will be increased 8 feet north. Reagan was also concerned that trains will cause a back-up and not allow cars to enter and exit the parking. Buiting asked the status of the IDNR easement. John Groesbeck said he contact Dan Bell and explained the project. Initially they didn’t see a concern but Dan requested a site plan to forward to his boss. The review will take a couple of weeks. Buiting just wanted to be sure IDNR was notified. Being no further discussion it was moved by Perry and seconded by Buiting that the OPC recommend the City Council approve conditional use for a drive thru facility at 107, 109 and 113 West Michigan Street with regards to staff report. Vote: Buiting-aye, Perry-aye, Ganiere-aye, Burns-aya, Reagan- nays. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7.40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Huftel
City Planner