

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
DOWNTOWN STREETScape ASSESSMENT HEARING
MINUTES
July 25, 2007

Mayor Larsen called the hearing to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Evelyn Larsen, Kay Costello, William Lenz, Edward Bolstad and Tim Kennedy

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Don Davison and Kim Dunsmoor

Mayor Larsen opened the hearing at 5:00 p.m.

The Notice of Hearing on Proposed Assessment for the Downtown Streetscape Special Assessment Hearing was mailed to affected property owners on July 5, 2007.

One written comment was received from Mike Raymond regarding the amount of curb done by the city versus work he had contract himself. The City Administrator met with Mr. Raymond and they reached consensus that the property footage should be reduced from 30 feet to 15 feet.

Kim Linnell questioned the how the assessment was calculated. The calculation was based on front footage of curb, sidewalk and street replacement abutting properties.

Tom Rawitzer stated that he was very dissatisfied with the sidewalks in front of his business. First the sidewalks drained water into his business, then the sidewalk was redone and a handicap ramp was created to make the water drain away from the building: however, now people are tripping and stumbling due to the ramp in the sidewalk. In addition, people seem to be confused about whether they can park in that area. The concrete contractor did a poor job and damaged the planters to the point of needing to be rebuilt.

There were no other comments.

The hearing adjourned at 5:14 p.m.