

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
December 12, 2007

Mayor Larsen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth and Kim Dunsmoor

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update for the C-1 Downtown District Draft revision was discussed. Some typographical errors were corrected. Mike Roth presented several examples for the transparency calculation based upon 9 or 10-foot height of calculation, corner lots vs. storefronts, visually inviting façade on non-transparent sides facing the street, and variances in case of hardship due to transparency requirements. Residential uses above the first floor in the core downtown area were debated whether the use should be limited to owners and employees or be residential and transient housing. The area defined in the core downtown district was changed from 250 feet south of Wisconsin Street to south to Artist Point. Linkages between the library and park are still relevant even if the library moves in the future. Definitions will be addressed in the ordinance revision.

The worksession adjourned at 4:27 p.m.