

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
WORKSESSION MINUTES
July 26, 2006

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

Members present: Mark Sandbo, Tim Kennedy, Edward Bolstad, Kay Costello and Bob Spry

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth and Kim Dunsmoor

Council attended the Grand Marais Downtown Community Visioning Session where Community Growth Institute discussed the ideas generated by the previous sessions. Some of the ideas presented included:

- 1) More pedestrian friendly Highway 61 corridor
- 2) Less seasonally dependent economy
- 3) Capitalize on opportunities offered by underutilized buildings, spaces and buildings in disrepair
- 4) Ensure upkeep standards
- 5) Downtown C-1 district to serve multiple functions
- 6) Downtown C-1 to offer a mix of retail, office, service, residential including permanent 2nd story apartments, community and recreation.
- 7) Downtown C-1 pedestrian friendly
- 8) Mixed income level residential
- 9) Distinct neighborhoods such as waterfront, folk school, art colony, resort B&B and professional
- 10) Allow downtown development pattern to extend to the north side of Highway 61 sensitive to neighborhood development
- 11) Identify and preserve significant public view sheds and vistas
- 12) Ensure architectural elements reflect character of community: however, it is difficult to define character

The worksession ended at 5:05 p.m.