

EAST AURORA PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

November 3, 2004

7:00 PM

Present: Carol Smith (Co-Chair) Code Enforcement Officer, Pat Blizniak
 Bud Babcock (Alternate) Deputy Clerk, Sue Wolff
 Mary Jo Crone
 Dan Bermingham
 Randolph West
 Michael Croft

Excused: Lowell Dewey
 Dan Castle

Co-Chair, Carol Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM

Review of Proposed LL #8 of 2004
90 Day Moratorium on Drive Through or Demolition of Structure
over 50 Yrs. old

The Planning Commission members read over the proposed 90 Day Moratorium (attached copy hereto with).

After much discussion between members on the proposed moratorium, Randy West made a motion to approve the draft of LL #8-2004 as amended, and recommended adoption by Village Board, motion seconded by Mary Jo.

Amendments to Read

1. NY State Route 20 in section 93-71 shall be corrected to read NY State Route **20 (A)**.
2. Section 93-73, the wording from (or thru permits) should be eliminated and the word (considered) be changed to approved. Example: No applications for construction affected by this Local Law shall be approved by any board officer or agency of the Village of East Aurora while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect. (Consider changing the words to reflect the intent such as.)

Carol called for a vote to which 5 members voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Croft abstained from voting, since he had not yet signed the oath book from his recent appointment to the Commission on November 1st.

FINDINGS:

1. Typo (Change NYS Route 20 to NYS Route 20 (A) in section 93-71
2. Change verbiage in Section 93-73

3. Randy felt the Planning Commission wanted to state that drive-thru's in the Village have proven to be a potentially dangerous issue and raised great concerns for pedestrian character in the Village and character in general. The commission feels that a 90-day moratorium to study the potential for a ban on further drive-thru's is a prudent measure at this point in time. Similarly, although with a little less strength, we believe with consideration of language to protect the older buildings in the Village especially those outside of the Mid-Main District is something the Village Board should evaluate. We do not want to inhibit a responsible developer but it doesn't seem like a bad idea since it will be enacted in the winter, to take these 90 days to study some sort of language to protect these older structures in the Village.

Carol was in hopes that both absent members (Dan Castle and Lowell Dewey) would submit their thoughts on the moratorium for Village Board review.

Under New Business a list of E-Mail addresses was given to the secretary for future correspondence.

Next Meeting scheduled for December 1, 2004.

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, seconded by Dan Bermingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Wolff
Deputy Clerk