

# **MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2013  
7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street,  
Manistee, Michigan

## **AGENDA**

### **I Call to Order**

### **II Roll Call**

### **III Approval of Agenda**

At this time the Planning Commission can take action to approve the December 5, 2013 Agenda.

### **IV Approval of Minutes**

At this time Planning Commission can take action to approve the November 7, 2013 meeting Minutes.

### **V Public Hearing**

### **VI Public Comment on Agenda related items**

### **VII New Business**

#### **Election of Officers**

According to the By-Laws of the City of Manistee Planning Commission their annual election of Officers is held at the December Meeting for the following year.

At this time the meeting will be turned over to Denise Blakeslee who will ask for nominations.

#### **Chair**

The Planning Commission will select a Chair for 2014.

#### **Vice-Chair**

The Planning Commission will select a Vice Chair for 2014.

## **Secretary**

The Planning Commission will select a Secretary for 2014.

### **Appointment of a Recording Secretary 2014**

At this time the Planning Commission Secretary appointed for 2014 may appoint a Recording Secretary for 2014.

### **VIII Old Business**

#### **IX Public Comments and Communications**

At this time the Chair will ask if there are any public comments.

#### **X Correspondence**

Gary Patulski (email)

At this time the Chair will ask if any additional correspondence has been received to be read into the record.

#### **XI Staff/Sub-Committee Reports**

At this time the Chair will ask Staff for their report.

At this time the Chair will ask if any of the Sub-Committees have anything to report.

#### **XII Members Discussion**

At this time the Chair will ask members of the Planning Commission if they have any items they want to discuss.

#### **XIII Adjournment**



City of Manistee Planning & Zoning Administrator



## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Denise Blakeslee, Planning & Zoning

DATE: November 26, 2013, 2013

RE: December Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioners, the next meeting of the Planning Commission is Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. We have the following items on the agenda:

- **Election of Officers**
- **Appointment of a Recording Secretary 2014**

Correspondence - enclosed is a copy of an email that was sent to City Manager Mitch Deisch from Gary Patulski. A copy of the email was given to Leah from Beckett & Raeder, Inc. who facilitated the Master Planning Visioning Session which was held in place of the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Worksession on November 21st.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend the meeting. See you Thursday!

**CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION**

70 Maple Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

**MEETING MINUTES**

November 7, 2013

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chair Yoder

Roll Call:

Members Present: Maureen Barry, David Crockett, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Marlene McBride, Mark Wittlief, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: None

Others: Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning Administrator) and others

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Mark Wittlief that the agenda be approved as prepared.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Barry, Crockett, Dean, Fortier, McBride, Wittlief, Yoder  
No: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Maureen Barry, seconded by Dave Crockett that the minutes of the October 10, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting be approved as prepared.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 7 to 0.

Yes: Dean, Fortier, Barry, Crockett, McBride, Wittlief, Yoder  
No: None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Master Plan Update**

The Planning Commission is working on updating their Master Plan. A major component of the update is public input. A Visioning Session has been scheduled for 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, MI on November 21, 2013. The Visioning Session will be facilitated by Staff from Beckett & Raeder.

The Visioning Session will be followed by an online survey. This survey will provide input from people who were unable to attend the session or who are out of town the opportunity to participate in the process.

### **Lakes to Land Regional Initiative – Priority Committees**

Members of the Planning Commission attended the Priority Share Meeting on June 27, 2013. Commissioners reviewed the list of Priority Committees and expressed interest in serving on committees as follows:

Reduce Blight and Nuisances	Marlene McBride
Improve Communications	Roger Yoder
Economic Development	Maureen Barry and Bill Dean
Water Quality	Dave Crockett

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **STAFF REPORT**

**Denise Blakeslee, Planning & Zoning Administrator** – Spoke to the Commission about the Master Plan Update and using GIS to develop maps for the Plan. Commissioners will be asked to review the maps for corrections.

## **MEMBERS DISCUSSION**

Planning Commissioners congratulated Mark Wittlief on winning the Election. Mark will be the Council Representative for the sixth district.

Commissioner McBride asked about the Ordinance for Medical Marihuana that the Planning Commission worked on.

The Planning Commission Worksession on Thursday, November 21, 2013 will be the public Visioning Session for the Master Plan update.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Dave Crockett that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary

## Denise Blakeslee

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**From:** Mitch Deisch  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 4:54 PM  
**To:** Denise Blakeslee  
**Subject:** Fwd: Manistee Vision Meeting

Please forward this e-mail to the Planning Commisison.

Mitchell D. Deisch  
City Manager  
City of Manistee

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Gary Patulski <[gpatulski@yahoo.com](mailto:gpatulski@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** November 6, 2013 at 7:58:51 PM EST  
**To:** Mitch Deisch <[mdeisch@manisteemi.gov](mailto:mdeisch@manisteemi.gov)>, Colleen Kenny <[CKenny@manisteemi.gov](mailto:CKenny@manisteemi.gov)>, Catherine Zaring <[CZaring@manisteemi.gov](mailto:CZaring@manisteemi.gov)>, Chip Goodspeed <[CGoodspeed@manisteemi.gov](mailto:CGoodspeed@manisteemi.gov)>, Ed Cote <[ECote@manisteemi.gov](mailto:ECote@manisteemi.gov)>, Eric Gustad <[egustad@manisteemi.gov](mailto:egustad@manisteemi.gov)>, Robert Hornkohl <[RHornkohl@manisteemi.gov](mailto:RHornkohl@manisteemi.gov)>, Beth Adams <[BAdams@manisteemi.gov](mailto:BAdams@manisteemi.gov)>, "ldumouchel@bria2.com" <[ldumouchel@bria2.com](mailto:ldumouchel@bria2.com)>  
**Subject:** Manistee Vision Meeting  
**Reply-To:** Gary Patulski <[gpatulski@yahoo.com](mailto:gpatulski@yahoo.com)>

Since I am unable to attend the upcoming November meeting regarding Manistee's vision I would like to provide some input.

The vision for Manistee should be: "Take care of the residents, pride will return, people will see and come"

It should come as no surprise that the top priorities for Manistee should be:

1. Local Streets
2. Ending Subsidies to all City Enterprises
3. Tax incentives for Home Improvements
4. Jobs
5. Business Growth
6. Population Growth

I have listed them in order of controllability by the City and which can be most directly impacted by the City.

Manistee's current Strategic Plan is extremely weak and does not contain measurable quantifiable goals or clear responsibility. In Example, the goal for the Industrial Park is to be at 100% capacity. But When? In

2100? What is the goal for 2014, 2015, 2016? Who is responsible if the goal is not met? If you are not going to have measurable goals and clear accountability you don't have a Strategic Plan.

The future projected debt subsidies to the Ramdell Theatre exceeding \$1.6 million must cease immediately. Way too much money has been spent on that facility which the City projects will still not be a breakeven business by 2028! Shame on the City for throwing millions of good money after millions of bad.

Jobs and Business growth really go hand in hand. Manistee must draw larges retail businesses to keep the shopping local and stop residents traveling to Ludington and Traverse City to shop.

No City funds should be spent for ANY new Recreational or Tourist based Capital Projects. The majority of Manistee's tourists are drawn by the Casino not a City facility.

Manistee is a Blue Collar town and it needs to return to its roots.

Please call or email me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Gary Patulski 832-334-8290