

CITY OF MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2015

A meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Yoder

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Maureen Barry, Judd Brown, Bill Dean, Ray Fortier, Marlene McBride, Mark Wittlieff, Roger Yoder

Members Absent: None

Others: Ed Seng (200 River Street), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning Administrator) and others

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Judd Brown that the agenda be approved as prepared.

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

Yes: Barry, Brown, Dean, Fortier, McBride, Wittlieff, Yoder
No: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Maureen Barry, seconded by Marlene McBride that the minutes of the February 5, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting be approved as prepared.

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

Yes: Dean, Fortier, Barry, Brown, McBride, Wittlieff, Yoder
No: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Zoning Amendment Language (P-D, Section 511, W-F Renaissance Zone Standards)

Staff has drafted language from the report of findings and includes changes to Article 3: Table 3-1 & 3-2; Section 511 Driveway and Curb Cuts; Section 514 Vehicular Parking Space, Access, Bike Parking and Sidewalks; Article 6 P-D Peninsula District; deletes the Renaissance Zone Standards Article 12 Waterfront District and amends in the Waterfront District and amends Article 21: Signs Section 2107.

Staff gave a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the amendment.

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Judd Brown that the Planning Commission directs staff to schedule a Public Hearing for the proposed Zoning Amendment that includes changes to Table 3-1 & 3-2; Section 511 Driveway and Curb Cuts; Section 514 Vehicular Parking Space, Access, Bike Parking and Sidewalks; Article 6 P-D Peninsula District; deletes the Renaissance Zone Standards Article 12 Waterfront District and amends in the Waterfront District and amends Article 21: Signs Section 2107.

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

Yes: Wittlieff, Dean, Fortier, Barry, Brown, McBride, Yoder

No: None

Draft Zoning Amendment Language "Green Infrastructure"

Staff has drafted language that was reviewed by the City Engineer for alternative methods for storm water retention that includes swales (both biofiltration and vegetated or rock), rain gardens, pervious pavement alternatives, rain barrels or cisterns and vegetated roof systems.

Staff gave a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the amendment, discussion on a few issues resulted in minor corrections.

Motion by Maureen Barry, seconded by Ray Fortier that the Planning Commission directs staff to schedule a Public Hearing for the proposed Zoning Amendment that includes changes to Article 2 by adding definitions for pervious paving, rain gardens, swale biofiltration, swale vegetated or rock, vegetated roof; Section 503 Performance Standards, Item 3; Section 511 Driveway and Curb Cuts, Item D & F; Section 514 Vehicular Parking Space, Access, Bike Parking and Sidewalks, Item E add new item F; Section 531 Landscaping and Screening Item A & F.

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

Yes: Barry, Brown, McBride, Wittlieff, Dean, Fortier, Yoder
No: None

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ed Seng, 200 River Street – asked about zoning language for a shipping facility.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Denise Blakeslee, Planning & Zoning Administrator –Staff does not have any items pending for the March 19, 2015 Worksession. Commissioners were asked if they had any items they wished to discuss, there being none; staff asked if the Commission wanted to cancel the worksession.

MOITON by Maureen Barry, seconded by Judd Brown that the March 19, 2015 Planning Commission Worksession be cancelled.

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

Yes: Fortier, Barry, Brown, McBride, Wittlieff, Dean, Yoder
No: None

MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Barry noted that the April meeting was rescheduled to April 9th due to the holiday and asked if the worksession in April should be rescheduled from April 16th to April 23, 2015.

MOTION by Judd Brown, seconded by Bill Dean that the April Worksession be rescheduled to April 23, 2015.

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

Yes: Barry, Brown, Dean, Fortier, McBride, Wittlieff, Yoder

No: None

The Planning Commission Worksession in March has been CANCELLED.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 (changed due to holiday).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ray Fortier, seconded by Maureen Barry that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

MANISTEE PLANNING COMMISSION

Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary