



City of Petoskey

PLANNING COMMISSION

May 8, 2014

A special meeting of the City of Petoskey Planning Commission was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Thursday, May 8, 2014. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Gary Greenwell, Chairperson
Dana Andrews
Dean D. Burns
Elizabeth Looze
Emily Meyerson
Rick Neumann
Cynthia Linn Robson

Absent: James Holmes
Eric Yetter

Staff: Amy Tweeten, City Planner

Upon motion and support, the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting were approved.

Proposed Sign Committee Ordinance Amendments

Staff reviewed the changes recommended at the last meeting and corrections to wording under historic signs were made. The Commission discussed the multi-business sign size language. Staff then explained concern raised by the Sign Committee of the proposed mural language and suggested some additional language. Consensus of the Commission was to leave as drafted for Council's review. At this time, a motion was made and supported to schedule a public hearing on the proposed amendments for June 12, 2014.

Continued Review of the Master Plan: Chapter 6 Economic Development

Staff noted the data that needed updates, but that due to the change of the Census Bureau moving to five-year survey estimates, comparisons with the 2000 Census were not possible. Use of two five-year estimates will be required for comparison purposes. Commissioners commented on repetition from the transportation chapter, the need to discuss how the City has used place making as an economic development tool, the need for discussion and new goal about promoting and supporting the hospitality industry, and the addition of strategies about public transportation and supporting entrepreneurship.

Staff then reviewed the Redevelopment Ready Communities Best practices checklist, noting that the City meets the majority of the criteria, with a few deficiencies. Commissioners asked if action would be requested and staff said the purpose of the review was more educational at this point, that the City was not looking at entering the program at this time. Commissioners had

varying opinions of whether the program is something the City should work toward to qualify for possible grants.

Updates

Staff updated the Commission on the ordinance amendments recommended to Council: the B-2A Transitional Business District was adopted; the RM-2 Amendments were adopted; but Council wants changes to the B-2B to eliminate drive-through facilities and consider a different zoning designation for the 100 block of East Mitchell. There were also updates on an upcoming parking plan amendment request at 1200 Bay View Road and the MDOT Charlevoix Avenue project for 2015.

Staff was questioned on road projects, and a recommendation was made for a press release to be sent out with the anticipated timeline of the detour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.