



**PLANNING COMMISSION**

March 13, 2014

A special meeting of the City of Petoskey Planning Commission was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Thursday, March 13, 2014. Roll was called at 7:03 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Emily Meyerson, Acting Chairperson  
Dana Andrews  
Dean D. Burns  
James Holmes  
Rick Neumann  
Cynthia Linn Robson

Absent: Gary Greenwell  
Elizabeth Looze  
Eric Yetter

Staff: Amy Tweeten, City Planner

Others Present: Doug and Nathan Buck, 822 Grove Street

Upon motion and support, the minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting were approved with corrections.

**Planner's Moment Training DVD**

The Commission viewed a training video on blight.

**Discussion/Recommendation on the Proposed Zoning District and Text Amendments**

Staff reviewed the suggested changes resulting from the public workshop and further City Attorney comments. Commissioners discussed the downtown greenway corridor and that the reference should be to the Park Reserve District, which is the zoning for the corridor; modified further the language of Section 2903(2)(a)(2) and 3003 (2(a)(2) to read: "Exterior appearance shall take into account, and be compatible with, surrounding structures, considering proportions, materials, and fenestration, seeking to achieve some relationship with existing architectural character. A written description of how the surrounding structures have been considered shall be provided with the submittal"; eliminated the restriction on garages in the corner-front yard; established the parking space setback in both districts at three (3) feet; and concurred that parking should be an accessory use only.

Upon motion and support, a public hearing was scheduled for April 10, 7:00 p.m. for all the proposed zoning changes.

### **Discussion on Approval Process for Public Art**

The Commission continued its discussion of public art and while there was consensus that a mural that does not have a commercial message should not be regulated as a sign, and consensus that art on public property should be reviewed, there was not consensus on whether art on private property viewed primarily from public property should be reviewed, particularly in the downtown. The Commission agreed to postpone further discussion until a public art plan was completed for downtown that could provide further direction.

### **Review of the Master Plan; Chapter 3 Community Utilities, Facilities and Services**

Staff noted the updates to numbers and maps that would be made and that information on the Energy Smart program would be added. Commissioners recommended adding more information about NCMC; modifying strategies to “continue to update and implement the sidewalk plan” and “Install and maintain state-of-the-art drinking, waste-water, and electric infrastructure, including continued undergrounding of utility lines.”

The Commission will discuss Chapter 4, Transportation at the next meeting and commissioner Meyerson will provide a training session on complete streets.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.