



PLANNING COMMISSION

September 19, 2019

A regular Planning Commission meeting was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Emily Meyerson, Chairperson
Betony Braddock
Dean Burns
Bob Kronberg
Chad McDonald
Rick Neumann
Ted Pall
Eric Yetter

Absent: Cynthia Robson

Staff: Amy Tweeten, City Planner

Upon motions and support, the minutes of the August 15 regular meeting were approved with corrections 6-0, with Kronberg and Yetter abstaining.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Staff reviewed the issues with the ordinance language. Commissioners first discussed changes to Section 702(3) and agreed the language on bathrooms should be removed. On the site plan approval duration (Section 1909), it was decided that the approval should be good for 18 months from the meeting date when approved. The Commission also discussed the B-3A District, but decided the district should be reviewed more thoroughly; staff will bring back possible language changes.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Kronberg, with support by Commissioner Burns to schedule a public hearing on the proposed changes to Sections 702(3) and 1909 for the October 17 meeting; motion carried.

Livable Petoskey Master Plan

Commissioners discussed the Resiliency Forum and summary of comments, summary of youth engagement comments, and comments provided from the Livable Petoskey website. Commissioners commented on the length of one presentation, concerns with the ALICE data presented and what the Commission can do to address the concerns, and that additional youth engagement is needed including possible inclusion on boards and commissions.

Commissioner takeaways from the input to date was that housing issues are top of the list of concerns, youth value downtown, the waterfront and sustainable energy, ease of getting around and walkability

are valued, and there is concern about drug use and addiction in the community. Parking was not raised as a major concern.

The Commission discussed additional input methods, including upcoming pop-up meetings and the potential for a community survey. It was suggested that the pop up meetings be located in other places than those that serve alcohol; ideas suggested included churches and coffee shops. The challenge of doing an on-line survey was discussed, whether it was more a questionnaire and not a scientific survey, that maybe using the same questionnaire as provided at the forum could be used to determine needed areas of focus in the master plan. Staff will look into whether emails of utility customers could be used, or if a questionnaire could go out with utility billing.

Commissioners discussed the draft sustainability framework, did not understand how it moved the plan forward as it was generic and not specific to Petoskey. Staff noted there had been changes in staffing at LIAA and she would discuss with them possible improvements.

Staff reviewed topics for the next several master plan meetings, with the Little Traverse Housing Partnership to speak at the special meeting on October 3.

Updates

The tentative pop-up meeting dates would be October 10 at the Backlot and October 30 at Beards, but staff still had to confirm.

Staff informed the Commission that they would be reviewing 2020 projects from the CIP at its October 17 meeting for recommendation to City Council and staff was also thinking an open house on the Kalamazoo Avenue project might be scheduled before that meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Minutes reviewed and approved by Emily Meyerson, Chairperson