

PLANNING COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Spencer at 4 p.m. Other members present: Jim Cunningham, Joe Frontiera, Diane LaPorte, Betty Root, Rob Splane and Peggy Wittman. Also present: City Manager Stan Rickard, David Jirousek (planning specialist with Williams & Works) and deputy clerk Gale Goldberg.

The agenda was approved (7-0) as presented upon motion by B. Root and 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Splane. The minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting were approved (7-0) upon motion by B. Root and 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. LaPorte.

**Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC)**

D. Jirousek explained that the city's self-evaluation had been completed and submitted to the Michigan Economic Development Corp. He referenced his April 6<sup>th</sup> memo, covering the 8 main points: 1. The Master Plan- 2. Capital Improvement Plan- 3. Public Participation- 4. Zoning- 5. Development Review Process- 6. Recruitment and Education- 7. Redevelopment Ready Sites - and 8. Community Prosperity. Mr. Jirousek noted there are some areas to approve upon – the commission member should work on updating the Master Plan, consider redevelopment sites, have a public forum and public involvement.

Commission members had a general discussion on all these points with suggestions and ideas presented with a lot of enthusiasm. Mr. Jirousek presented a tentative 9 month timeframe to be prepared. To get the public involved there were suggestions of a survey, an informative meeting at city hall, an open house at the school possibly during a sporting event and make the survey available through the city's website and at city hall, notifying customers via the utility bills.

**Commission Communications**

- Trees are being removed where the housing project is planned
- Zoning/Sign ordinance back on the May agenda
- Main Street Design Committee to meet again soon for more input from businesses
- Stressed utilizing Hart Lake

The next meeting is Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 4 p.m. at city hall

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. upon motion by J. Cunningham and 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Frontiera.