

CITY OF READING PLANNING COMMISSION

2020 Annual Report

JANUARY 13, 2020

A Public Hearing was held to consider proposed signage for the bank at 108 N. Main Street. The proposed signage was approved.

A Public Hearing was held to consider a Special Land Use permit for Marihuana Establishment Retailer MRTMA for The Happiest Camper at 112 S. Main Street. Consideration was tabled until the next meeting pending receiving further required information.

Officers for 2020 were elected.

The 2020 meeting schedule was approved.

The 2019 Annual Report was approved.

The 2020 Annual Work Program was reviewed with work on the Master Plan to be the main focus.

By-Laws were briefly reviewed with no new changes anticipated.

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Master Plan review was begun using a Master Plan Update Guide. The Commission appointed Chuck Hartshorn to take an initial lead going forward.

MARCH 2, 2020

There was discussion of the Master Plan Review. Kym Blythe shared that the City qualified for technical assistance from MEDC, Michigan Economic Development Corporation. A motion was approved to recommend the City proceed in obtaining quotes from MEDC. Chuck also shared information concerning various related areas.

Review of an initial BRT Capital 3, LLC Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center Special Use Licensing Application was done. Some information was incomplete or missing which will require further monitoring by the City before any action could be taken.

APRIL 13, 2020

A Public Hearing was held to consider a Special Land Use MMFLA permit by BRT Capital 3, LLC and Brian Toma at 112 S. Main Street. Fourteen questions were fielded and answered by various parties. A motion was made to not approve the application, which failed 3-3. A motion was made to approve the Special Land Use permit contingent upon an updated financial statement and a purchase agreement with finalization of the sale done. This motion was approved 5-1. The new application would be reviewed then.

Review of the Master Plan and RRC Baseline Report was discussed. Kym Blythe shared proposed costs and an approximate work timeline. A motion was approved to accept the proposal to help facilitate the review and revision of the Master Plan and Capital Improvement.

MAY 11, 2020

A representative for BRT Capital 3, LLC shared that they had closed on the property at 112 S. Main Street. State documentation would be sent to the City when available.

A kickoff meeting with Beckett & Raeder concerning the Master Plan and RRC Baseline Report is scheduled for May 12, 2020.

A Grow Facility application is in the works as reported by Ben Wheeler.

JUNE 8, 2020

A Public Hearing was held to consider signage at 112 S. Main Street by Capital 3, LLC. A proposal was approved with some minor adjustments and changes recommended.

A Public Hearing was held to consider an MMFLA application and an MRTMA application for 133 and 137 S. Main Street by Alvarez Cultivation, LLC. A number of questions and responses were fielded and answered. In separate motions, each application was approved.

A motion was made and approved to forward to City Council for consideration the Special Use permits for Alvarez Cultivation, LLC, both the MMFLA and MRTMA applications.

A motion was made and approved to allow BRT Capital 3, LLC, Joyology to open with a temporary banner sign with a maximum of a 30-day time period.

Work on the Master Plan Review was shared.

JULY 13, 2020

A Public Hearing was held to consider a rear addition at 124 S. Main Street. A few questions and concerns were addressed and answered. The proposal was approved with four additional stipulations added.

A Public Hearing was held to consider an MRTMA Special Use permit at 112 S. Main Street. The permit was approved and recommended to City Council so that BRT Capital 3, LLC could proceed with further state requirements. A concern was addressed that no solicitation or inquiry occur on the street about marijuana purchasing.

Master Plan review was shared with a special focus now going on surveys.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

A Public Hearing was held to consider signage at 133/137 S. Main Street. Various questions were fielded and addressed. The proposal was approved with the stipulation that the words Medical and Recreational not be included, just Provisional or Provisioning Center.

A Public Hearing was held to consider lighting and signage at 124 S. Main Street which was approved.

Michelle Bennett shared and discussed various aspects on the Master Plan Review. This was a more formal, in depth, status report on the review to the whole Commission.

DECEMBER 7, 2020

Ben Wheeler shared upcoming January work that is scheduled for our first meeting of the year. Michelle Bennett should also be with us in reviewing the Master Plan progress.

A letter of resignation was received from Christine Gollnick effective January 1, 2021. It was accepted noting 26 years of grateful service. Another member has missed 3 meetings in a row leaving us with 5 current Commission members and 2 current openings.