

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING, MI

November 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Reading City Hall by Vice Chair Chad Penney. Present were Chad Penney, Warren Bartels, Chuck Hartshorn, and Kendra Stump. Absent/excused was Betty Blount. Also present was Alan Beeker. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Kendra, to approve the October minutes. Motion carried 4-0. The agenda was accepted as presented. There was no public communication.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Review of the 2022 Work Goals for the Planning Commission as per the Master Plan—from p. 71 discussion of landlords and absentee landlords. There was discussion about landlords keeping their properties up and what authority that might fall under. There was a question as to whether the Planning Commission could adopt any ordinance amendments and the role of the city in the matter. Alan shared that there is a city code and any enforcement would be a city responsibility. There was some discussion about an IMPC code.

Under Plans the Planning Commission has worked on identifying recreational needs and some potential sites. More on this needs to be moved into 2023.

Under Code nothing has been done about adjusting housing standards which would especially fall within any R-2 zone. This will need to be moved into 2023. Any related design standards for higher density housing would also move into 2023.

From p. 73 under Code the city has posted signs about parking in the rear of downtown buildings. The Planning Commission will focus in December or their next meeting on three of the other areas: 1) reviewing and updating any historic overlay standards, 2) reviewing possible regulations and places for food vendor trucks, and 3) reviewing any parking formulas for land use and instituting parking maximums. Anything not completed moves into 2023.

From p. 75 under Plans, it was the consensus that any plans in this area would be initiated by any developer and reviewed.

Under Code, again any standards initiated by a developer would be reviewed as they would propose plans. As to any neighborhoods being connected, this would depend upon developing plans. These goals can be moved into 2023 and 2024.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Alan shared that Family Dollar has submitted plans for a store across from the Dollar General on the north side of town.

With no further business or comments, Chuck made a motion, seconded by Warren, to adjourn at 8:15. Motion carried 4-0.