

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

September 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Reading City Hall by chair Chuck Hartshorn. Present were Chuck Hartshorn, Chad Penney, Warren Bartels, Adrien Miller, Melani Matthews, Frank Oddou, and Hannah Tunis. Also present was Ben Wheeler. Chad made a motion, seconded by Melani, to approve the July minutes. Motion carried 7-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Redevelopment Ready Communities—Ben and the office made printed copies of its “Best Practices” brochure for members so that we can compare its suggested standards against our Ordinance as it currently stands. The document is also in our emails. While initially sharing our observations, we especially focused on housing options available here, the city’s available development space, and various housing options. We also looked briefly at New Business items B and C within the document. This project will require further review.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Solar Energy—This is a new area to consider within zoning. While we have explored wind turbines in the past, this topic may necessitate definitive regulation wording.

B. Parking Flexibility RRC)—Melani will explore this topic a little more.

C. Concentrated Development (Mixed Use) (RRC)—Hannah and Frank will explore this topic.

D. Housing Diversity (RRC)—Adrien will explore this topic further.

E. Green Infrastructure (RRC)—Probably is not a focus for us.

F. Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency Municipal Guide—This document is available for perusing (check with the city office). Frank shared that the city’s provisioning centers’ income is down about 80% since opening. Other locations now open are a competitive factor. Frank thought that developing a “Consumption Lounge” location might be a new competitive draw for Reading. Ben will check on some other municipalities that have one to see their ordinances on this.

G. Next meeting—October 28, 2024.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Ben shared that there has been no permits to share in the past two months.

With no further comments, Hannah made a motion, seconded by Chad to adjourn at 7:37. Motion carried 7-0.