

Draft Minutes of the September 17, 2018 City of the Village of Clarkston Planning Commission Meeting

375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346

1.Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Little.

2.Little, Luginski, Rogers, Schoebel, Wylie present.

3.Motion by Schoebel, second by Rogers to approve the September 17,2018 PC Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4.Public Comments: Chester Pardee, 212 N Main Street suggested 4 Planning Commission Priorities:

1.Infrastructure Maintenance reflected in the CIP

2.Reduce Exterior Blight in the Village

3.Review Re-Zoning of 148 N Main Street (currently zoned residential)

4.Remediation of any Contaminated Sites in the Village. Remediation should be included in the Master Plan Update.

Motion by Little, second by Rogers to approve the August 6, 2018 PC Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1.The Fed Alley Lighting Proposal: James Schneider (owner of the Fed) requested approval to install string lights back and forth across the alley starting at 21 N Main connected to the Fed and across the alley to the Mills Mall. The lights would be low voltage and timed to be on display during the Fed business hours. They would be of sufficient height to allow safe passage of delivery trucks. Motion by Wylie, second by Schoebel to recommend approval to City Council of the installation of string lights in the alley behind the Fed. Motion carried unanimously

2.NOHLC Depot Park Easement Proposal by Emily Duthinh: Ms Duthinh of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy presented a detailed report extolling the advantages for granting the easement. Some of which are as follows:

a.Preserve ecosystem services

b.Preserve property values

c.Protect MNFI Category 3 Ecosystem

d.Protect the Clinton River riparian corridor in perpetuity

The Commissioners expressed concerns related to control issues in a contract that would evolve from such an easement agreement. It was decided that more details would be needed before going forward with any approval. The Commissioner thanked Ms Duthinh for an excellent presentation.

3.Sandwich Board Parking Enforcement: Mr Neal Wallace(Attorney, representing the Union Joints) expressed the effectiveness of the sign since it's placement. Mr Wallace indicated that in the Zoning Ordinance(Sections 22.03147 and 22.05A) the sign served as a public service message and not a commercial message. Motion by Wylie, second by Luginski to recommend to Council that the City take ownership of the sandwich board with the intent of keeping the content intact and continue the deployment of the board. The Motion carried unanimously.

4.Master Plan Release. Motion by Luginski , second by Little to receive the Draft Master Plan from the City's Planning Consultant, Carlisle Wortman Associates, and pursuant to Public Act 33 of 2008(Planning Enabling Act) forward it to the City Council for authorization to distribute the draft plan to applicable utilities, Oakland County, Independence Township and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, for the required 63 day review and comment period. Furthermore, it is requested that during the same 63 day period, City Council review the draft Master Plan, and forward any questions, comments, or concerns to the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

5.Parking Study Update: Chairman Little stated that the Parking Study should be complete in approximately 3 weeks.

6.Site Plan approvals by PC: Site plans presently do not require PC input. Huntington Park, Birmingham and Lake Angelus require PC input. The Commissioners would like to recommend amending this policy to include future review of site plans by the PC. Further discussions on this subject will be held.

Unfinished Business: None

All Else: None

Motion by Luginski , second by Little to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Draft Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Frank Schoebel, Secretary