

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BERKLEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 25, 2014 AT CITY HALL BY CHAIRPERSON BARNETT.

PRESENT: Martin Smith Mark Richardson
 David Barnett Dottie Popp
 Dean Smith Ann Shadle Michele Buckler

ABSENT: Eric Murrell Tim Murad

ALSO PRESENT:
 Amy Vansen, City Planner

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dean Smith to approve the agenda.
Supported by Commissioner Popp.
AYES: Popp, Dean Smith, Buckler, Richardson, Shadle, Martin Smith, Barnett
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Murrell, Murad
Motion Carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Martin Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for January 28, 2014.
Supported by Commissioner Richardson.
AYES: Popp, Dean Smith, Buckler, Richardson, Martin Smith, Shadle, Barnett
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Murrell, Murad
Motion Carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

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1. **SITE PLAN REVIEW SP-03-14** Matrix Motors, 3224 Eleven Mile Road, northwest corner of Eleven Mile and Gardner, is requesting site plan approval to enclose the site with an obscuring fence.

The applicant was not present. The Planning Commission discussed the parking and vehicle storage situation. There was concern that the parking as it is currently configured is creating a nuisance. Ms. Vansen advised she had not received any complaints. The Planning Commission asked Ms. Vansen to send another letter to the applicant advising him that the matter would not be postponed a third time.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin Smith to postpone SP-03-14 to the March 25, 2014 meeting.

Supported by Commissioner Shadle.

AYES: Popp, Dean Smith, Buckler, Richardson, Martin Smith, Shadle, Barnett

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murrell, Murad

Motion Carried.

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2. DISCUSSION: Discussion regarding bicycle routes

Ms. Vansen reviewed the draft bicycle route and estimated costs on wayfinding and bicycle route signage. Overall, the Planning Commission was pleased with the proposed route.

Commissioner Richardson did voice concern about the route not including Twelve Mile and Woodward. He also thought that a route to the library should be considered and expressed concern that Coolidge was only being crossed once with the bicycle route and Twelve Mile was crossed twice. However, he thought that the route as proposed could be added to over time as bicycling increases in the City.

There was discussion about costs for the signage.

It was moved by Commissioner Dean Smith to recommend the proposed bicycle route to the City Council for adoption.

Supported by Commissioner Buckler.

AYES: Popp, Dean Smith, Buckler, Richardson, Martin Smith, Shadle, Barnett

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murrell, Murad

Motion Carried.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

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LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Dean Smith reported that the ZBA met regarding a small garage on a small lot.

Commissioner Popp provided her report from the Downtown Development Authority.

Commissioner Murad was absent so there was no report from the Chamber.

Commissioner Richardson advised that the Environmental Advisory Committee met and will have a booth at the Home Expo.

Chairperson Barnett reported that the City Council purchased land east of Merchant's Park. Fiber optics are also being installed throughout the City.

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STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin Smith inquired about the status of various projects around the City. Ms. Vansen gave updates for those.

Ms. Vansen advised the Planning Commission of the Michigan Municipal League's Michigan Green Communities Challenge and the application process. She had just been notified that the City of Berkley had been awarded a silver level.

Ms. Vansen also advised that the Michigan Municipal League would be providing planning assistance for development of a plan for the Robina and Twelve Mile area.

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There being no further business, Chairperson Barnett adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.