

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

PRESENT: Martin Smith Mark Richardson Tim Murad (arr. 7:31)
David Barnett Michele Buckler Ann Shadle (arr. 7:31)
Eric Murrell Dottie Popp Joe Tangari (arr. 7:44)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Tina Edgar, Council liaison
Amy Vansen, City Planner

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Vansen brought attention to the Downtown Development Authority minutes, an update on the scope of work for the Coolidge resurfacing project, and correspondence regarding the Huntington Woods Master Plan.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

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1. **DISCUSSION:** Discussion regarding proposals received for Residential Form Based Code project.

The Commission reviewed the hourly rates that LSL Planning had provided as well as the additional cost if additional meetings were necessary. The Commission found that LSL Planning was still the lowest cost and would provide the best the product to the City.

It was moved by Commissioner Buckler to recommend to the City Council that the City accept LSL Planning's proposal along with rates for additional meetings (if necessary).

Supported by Commissioner Richardson.

AYES: Murad, Murrell, Richardson, Popp, Shadle, Smith, Buckler, Barnett

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Tangari

Motion Carried.

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2. **DISCUSSION:** Discussion regarding possible changes to *Berkley City Code*, Chapter 138 *Zoning* relative to architectural features.

The Commission reviewed the proposed ordinance. Ms. Vansen advised that after discussion last month, she had added some provisions for nonresidential projections into the right of way. There was discussion regarding this and what would happen if every building took advantage of the proposed provision. The Commission made changes to the proposed ordinance. Ms. Vansen advised she would forward the ordinance to the City Attorney.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith to set a public hearing for December 9, 2014.

Supported by Commissioner Murrell.

AYES: Murad, Murrell, Richardson, Popp, Tangari, Shadle, Smith, Buckler, Barnett

NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

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3. **DISCUSSION:** Discussion regarding possible changes to *Berkley City Code*, Chapter 138 *Zoning* relative to how building height is determined.

The Commission reviewed the proposed ordinance. There were some changes made relative to the exceptions. Ms. Vansen advised that it had been forwarded to the City Attorney.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith to set a public hearing for December 9, 2014.

Supported by Commissioner Buckler.

AYES: Murad, Murrell, Richardson, Popp, Tangari, Shadle, Smith, Buckler, Barnett

NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

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4. **DISCUSSION:** Discussion regarding City Planner's report on *The High Cost of Free Parking*.

The Commission discussed the ideas outlined in *The High Cost of Free Parking*. There was discussion regarding the City leasing parking lots for communal use as well as encouraging joint parking agreements. The Commission opined that liability was the biggest hindrance to joint parking agreements working.

The Commission acknowledged that Woodward Avenue will continue to develop and result in additional parking pressures.

The Commission agreed that establishing policies relative to parking should be a priority.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

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LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Popp provided her report from the Downtown Development Authority.

Commissioner Murad reported that the Chamber holiday party was scheduled for December 8th.

Commissioner Richardson reported that the Environmental Advisory Committee met with committees from Royal Oak, Pleasant Ridge, Ferndale, Dearborn and Madison Heights. More grants would be available if the communities collaborated. Commissioner Buckler offered that the Woodward Five communities had completed a Sustainability Plan in 2012 that provided a blue print to the communities. She offered to send a copy to Commissioner Richardson.

Chairperson Barnett reported that the City Council received a report from the Berkley Public Library. The library has 7,000 card holders.

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STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Vansen reminded the Commission that the December meeting would be December 9th and that packets would be ready to pick up on December 4th.

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There being no further business, Chairperson Barnett adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.