

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BERKLEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. OCTOBER 28, 2014 AT CITY HALL BY CHAIRPERSON BARNETT.

PRESENT: Martin Smith Mark Richardson Michele Buckler
David Barnett Tim Murad Ann Shadle
Joe Tangari Eric Murrell Dottie Popp (arr. 7:45 PM)

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Tara Hayes, 1021 Oxford
Tom Biehl, Hubbell, Roth and Clark
Tina Edgar, Council liaison
Amy Vansen, City Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Murad to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for September 25, 2014
Supported by Commissioner Martin Smith.
AYES: Murad, Murrell, Richardson, Tangari, Shadle, Martin Smith, Buckler, Barnett
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Popp
Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Vansen brought attention to the Downtown Development Authority minutes and the newsletter from the Road Commission of Oakland County in the commissioners' packets. Ms. Vansen had just received a notification from Huntington Woods asking for input into its master plan update. She also had a summary from the book *The High Cost of Free Parking*.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

1. **PRESENTATION:** Consideration of the proposed redevelopment of Coolidge between Webster and Twelve Mile

Tom Biehl of Hubbell, Roth and Clark was present to discuss the proposed work on Coolidge between Webster and Twelve Mile. The work will begin in Spring 2015. It will be bid in February in order to get the best pricing. Work will involve a mill and overlay that should last about 7 to 10 years. It will be similar to the work that was completed last year on Coolidge in Royal Oak. The project cost is about \$700,000.

The Commission questioned when the road was last resurfaced. Best estimates were about 30 years ago.

Pedestrian amenities on the east and west sides of the road were discussed. The asphalt path on the east side is continuous, but in poor condition. The sidewalk along the west side is missing many segments.

Mr. Biehl stated that it was not a problem to add sidewalks as an alternate in the bid specifications. He added that depending upon the bids; the cost may prohibit those amenities from being added.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin Smith to recommend the proposed design to the City Council with the following additions:

- **5-foot sidewalks on both the east and west sides of Coolidge be included in the proposed project as Alternates.**

Supported by Commissioner Murad.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

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2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive public input regarding proposed changes to *Berkley City Code, Article VI Administration and Enforcement.*

Ms. Vansen advised that the City Attorney had reviewed the ordinance and had made additional corrections.

Chairperson Barnett opened the public hearing at 7:52 PM. Hearing no comments, Chairperson Barnett closed the public hearing at 7:52 PM.

It was moved by Commissioner Murad to recommend approval of the proposed changes to *Berkley City Code, Article VI Administration and Enforcement.*

Supported by Commissioner Richardson.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

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

The Commission discussed the 5 proposals received. Consideration was given to budget, the tone of the proposals, and whether previous work was relevant. There was discussion regarding whether or not there was value in interviewing the firms.

There was consensus that LSL submitted the best proposal. The Commission did want additional information relative to billable rates and additional fees if two additional meetings were required.

Ms. Vansen advised she would ask LSL for that information so the matter could be discussed at the November meeting.

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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 is now 30 years old. The end of the year party will be at Republica on December 8th.

Commissioner Richardson reported that the Environmental Advisory Committee did not have a quorum last meeting, but will be meeting with other neighboring Environmental Committees to determine what opportunities exist for collaboration.

Chairperson Barnett reported that the City Council heard a presentation from the Drain Commissioner. He reported that Public Safety Director Eshman’s contract had been renewed.

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STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Vansen advised the Commission that a new building clerk, Kim Anderson, started on October 6th. The City received a Bronze level Promoting Active Communities Award from the State of Michigan.

Commissioner Richardson reported that Business Insider Magazine recently rated suburbs throughout the United States. Berkley received Number 47 in the nation. Other local, top suburbs included Beverly Hills and Huntington Woods.

Chairperson Barnett mentioned a webinar on Tactical Placemaking that ZBA Chairperson Linda Bailey recommended. He discussed the Master Plan’s downtown plaza catalytic project and stated that Robina was still a prime location for such a project.

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There being no further business, Chairperson Barnett adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.