THE WORK SESSION OF THE BERKLEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM, JANUARY 5, 2021 VIA ELECTRONIC MEETING BY CHAIR KRISTEN KAPELANSKI

PRESENT: Joe Bartus, Berkley Michigan
        Kristen Kapelanski, Berkley Michigan
        Greg Patterson, Berkley Michigan
        Mark Richardson, Berkley Michigan
        Julie Stearn, Berkley Michigan
        Lisa Kempner, Berkley Michigan
        Martin Smith, Berkley Michigan

ABSENT: Matt Trotto

ALSO, PRESENT: Megan Masson-Minock, Carlisle Wortman Associates
                 Erin Schlutow, Community Development Director
                 Ross Gavin, City Council Liaison

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CITIZEN COMMENTS
Chair Kapelanski read instructions for public to submit comments during the virtual meeting.

None.
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Commissioners and city staff each shared something that they were excited about or recent best moment.

Megan Masson-Minock went over the Greenfield Residential Guidelines. Commissioners noted concern about the number of lots that would have to be combined for the type of development designed, as well as the location on Greenfield. Commissions asked if the Greenfield Residential Guidelines and proposed design could be incorporated on other corridors, such as Eleven Mile Rd.

Megan Masson-Minock asked Commissioners to review the sample character images for townhouse development and state which they thought would work best for Berkley. She provided details on which designs the Master Plan Steering Committee preferred or disliked. Commissioners discussed designs that they felt would work in Berkley, specifically those that fit into a single family residential neighborhood.

Megan Masson-Minock went over the Eleven Mile Corridor existing conditions and a conceptual rendering for Eleven Mile. She asked Commissioners to determine what would be appropriate for the corridor and which would not fit. Commissioners discussed the elements of the rendering that they liked and that would fit in the community, including parking, landscaping and setbacks. Commissioners noted concern about murals, as the city does not have a mural program yet, as well as landscaping standards on Eleven Mile that would fit with what Oak Park is doing across the street.

The Commission discussed opportunity for additional community engagement. Commissioners noted the importance of back and forth discussion, as well as outreach to get the public to attend a work session. Commissioners discussed other options for virtual community engagement to get as many people to attend as possible. Commissioners also discussed opportunities for people to provide feedback if they are unable to attend a zoom discussion, such as a survey.

Planning Commission reviewed the Future Land Use draft text, based on the discussion at the previous meeting. Commissioners provided additional feedback.

Megan Masson-Minock updated the PC on the upcoming chapters that will be on the agenda for discussion at future meetings, including systems, transportation.

Meeting ended at 9:32pm.