THE WORK SESSION OF THE BERKLEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM, MARCH 2, 2021 VIA ELECTRONIC MEETING BY VICE CHAIR MARTIN SMITH

PRESENT: Joe Bartus, Berkley Michigan
Lisa Kempner, Berkley Michigan
Shiloh Dahlin, Berkley Michigan
Mark Richardson, Berkley Michigan
Martin Smith, Berkley Michigan
Greg Patterson, Berkley Michigan
Matt Trotto, Berkley Michigan

ABSENT: Kristen Kapelanski
Julie Stearn

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

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

Vice Chair Smith read instructions for public to submit comments during the virtual meeting.

None.

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Commissioners and city staff provided feedback on what systems are most important.

Megan Masson-Minock went over the survey results, thus far and number of people who registered for the Open House. Asked how the survey data should be analyzed and presented. Commissioners asked that residents and business owners responses be broken out for corridors, to distinguish responses from those who live nearby corridors.

Megan Masson-Minock went over the schedule and format of the Open House. Commissioners suggested having two rounds of break out rooms, one for housing and one for corridors. Facilitators should have a script to guide the discussion.

Megan Masson-Minock discussed systems. Commissioners asked whether efficiency and equity can be incorporated.

Commissioners discussed what infrastructure is and how it works on many different levels. This includes stormwater management with green infrastructure; roads, sidewalks, as well as new transportation needs such as electric vehicle charging stations; utilities such as water, electricity, sewer; services, such as cable, internet and cellular services; and city services.

Commissioners agreed that the Berkley Energy Plan recommendations should be incorporated into the Master Plan.

Commissioners wanted to incorporate green infrastructure for small, medium and large-scale projects.

In terms of natural resources, Commissioners discussed the following:

- Urban canopy
- More parks and green space
- How to use green space in boulevards
- Encourage native flora and fauna
- Education programs for natural cover instead of manicured lawns
- Limits on light pollution
Commissioners also discussed transportation:

- Maintain system and fill gaps
- Protecting and enhancing transportation network
- Pedestrian safety
- Reduce pollution, promote walking
- Non-motorized transportation

Director Schlutow reminded Commissioners to watch the videos and take the surveys, as well as encourage family, friends, neighbors to watch and take them as well.

Meeting ended at 9:02pm.