

Minutes St Ignace Planning Commission 5/10/22 7 PM City Hall and on Zoom

- (1) Call to Order - 7PM
- (2) Roll Call - All present
- (3) Approval of Minutes - Jim moves to accept, Rick seconds. Unanimous.
- (4) Approval of Agenda - Additions per Betsy
- (5) Public Comments (limited to 2minutes per person) and Communications Concerning Items Not on the Agenda
- (6) Scheduled Public Hearings
- (7) Unfinished Business

GRANICUS update; new STRs added. Complaint hotline has been helpful and detailed. Monitors all STRs on a consistent basis, considers all established protocols. Results of frivolous calling can also be monitored. Betsy would like to know more about the "incognito window." Rick - how many permits we have issued, Stephanie - 25 have been issued, 40 have applied. Jim - will we be able to distinguish between R1, R2, R3?

Redevelopment Ready Community Progress

New MEDC advisor- Pablo Majano (Christopher Germain moves to Marquette, new position)

Food Trucks/Mobile Vending update - The Mayor would like to hear the public comment on this matter. Planning Commission may now be in alignment with the DDA. May need to prepare for agreements against - Private Property - "limited to no more than one unit on any single day." More on how to communicate that this could be used as a tool. Visitors Bureau, Chamber, and Farmers Market will need to come into compliance based on changes.

Betsy moves to accept proposal as written, Rick supports. Unanimous.

Darcy recommends public hearing at Little Bear June 1st or 2nd, 5:30-7:30 tentatively. Special PC meeting immediately following.

Parking Plan- is there a parking problem in St. Ignace? (need for public outreach) - parking available in the wrong place? not enough generally? too many spaces dedicated to cars and not enough land use for people? something else? (See: comments made during the MY FLIGHT meeting with council, and Jim North's email comments, as well as past conversations) Best way to survey the public on this? Can we get some comment cards on the PC tab of the city website? Outreach to explore paid parking (meters, kiosks)

Representative Tom Neff may be passing through in July and will meet with PC representatives and city representatives.

Result of public hearing on Dock 3- no vote Monday 5/2, more meetings scheduled among parties from Mackinac Island and St. Ignace. Property is DPW property owned by the City under a covenant by the State. Does the city need special permissions to lease the

properties to private companies? Or would anyone interested need to also bid to use the property? Seems there would be a fiduciary responsibility to tax payers to utilize the property to the best interest of the community. Does the city have jurisdiction to make that decision? City attorney will be contacted to answer questions.

St. Ignace Economic Development Plan- what can the City St. Ignace offer to promote economic development? Could city owned space be used as artist residences?

How would the City develop a united mission for development?

2017 retail marketing document - EUP planning, Elevating the UP

City has a number of structures and property that is under utilized.

Workforce housing - Sandra Web - Camp ground property. Adding apartment buildings. Zoned R2 but the existing apartments are R3. They would like to make a new parcel and put the buildings there. Purchasing ready designed apartment buildings. 2 buildings of five apartments per unit. Eventually would like 8-10 units. Long-term rental properties, 12 month lease.

Would like to have first building ready for interiors by August.

Per Jim & Connie, rezoning would be the fastest. May take 2+ months. Developer could request a city meeting within the next few weeks.

(8) New Business

short discussion about support of the MHS Straits Cultural Center, thoughts about an eventual outreach for a Children's Museum (see Rural Insights), and other ways to support cultural development in St. Ignace, to keep our Master Plan efforts moving along.

Paddle docks - MEDC support, DDA wants to promote

DDA plan for this summer- complete the Amphitheater and Connor's park projects, presentation by Scott Marshall at 5/2 council meeting- boardwalk maintenance, costs, need for united support of funding

(9) Other Matters to be Reviewed by the Commission

(10) Administrative Items

training attended "Opening doors to attainable housing 4/13/22 1 hr Betsy. Budgeting Workshop MSU 4/13 1 hr Betsy

(11) Next meeting

12) Public Comments limited to 2 minutes per person

(13) Adjournment - 8:30PM