

Minutes St Ignace Planning Commission 14 June 2022, 7 PM, City Hall and on Zoom

(1) Call to Order - 7PM

(2) Roll Call - All in attendance

(3) Approval of Minutes - Connie moves to approve, Betsy supports. All in favor.

(4) Approval of Agenda

(5) Public Comments (limited to 2minutes per person) and Communications Concerning Items
Not on the Agenda

Deb Evashevski - worried about vendors in empty private parking lots. Downtown helicopter sign - off premise sign? Off premise signs are subject to Planning Commission approval and are required State of MI permit per MDOT. Per Section 38.556 No. 7

(6) Scheduled Public Hearings

(7) Unfinished Business

Redevelopment Ready Community Progress

report Parking: June 9th meeting with Tom Neff -

will be back July 14th 10AM in the Marina Park

Lot or City Hall in the event of weather.

report/recap Mobile Vending June - Public Hearing 21st 2nd 6PM public hearing and special meeting

Add a timeline suggestions.

Stephanie will develop a rough draft application to examine.

Adding a public facilities fee to mobile vendor permits.

There will be a process to apply for a special event status and approved by City Council.

Master Plan actions: our waterfront is the City's most precious resource. Consider Baltimore, MD and Barcelona Spain- changes in the waterfront in both of those cities between the 1970, when both were blighted, contaminated, filthy and unsightly to 2000 and beyond, where both are beautiful, provide residential and business opportunities for all and are assets to each city. Consider St. Ignace waterfront in the 1970s and now- some changes for the better downtown, missing improvements at the south end of the harbor. We will only make the changes we want if we stop thinking about the waterfront as an industrial dump.

Vacant property development project to add to our Redevelopment ready list of to-dos.

Master Plan language about renewable energy and other environmental incentives.

(8) New Business

Consider adding bungalow courts or other flexible housing as an allowed right in residential (or even commercial?) districts. (see information sent to us by Dean Martin from Mackinaw City)

What other types of flexible housing would be appropriate for St. Ignace.

Cancel the formal business meeting for August 9, 2022 and replace with a public outreach session. Listening tour. Walk St. Ignace in August 9 choose a time. Purpose: Walk along the waterfront, or in neighborhoods, make observations, gather comments land use - parking, housing, non-motorized transportation, improvements, or other topics of interest to the public. PC could go in pairs. Prepare ahead with some information- perhaps the St. Ignace News will assist- give references to recent studies? Demographics? Something less wonky?

Beautification, Parking, Housing

(9) Other Matters to be Reviewed by the Commission

schedule public hearing for rezoning of Ms. Webb's property R2 to R3? July 27 July 29? August 2?

(10) Administrative Items

training attended Betsy 5/12 Zoom MCP cohort with Brad Newmann- discussed PUDs. yes, we can!

5/17 MEDC Technical Advisory council- learned about grants possible for adding housing in downtown- construction

(11) Next meeting 7/12/22 time TBD- change of meeting format

12) Public Comments limited to 2 minutes per person

(13) Adjournment - 9PM