

**MINUTES
MARSHALL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2015**

In a regular meeting session, Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:01 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 323 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI, the Marshall Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chair Banfield.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vice-Chair Banfield, Commissioners Burke-Smith, Collins, Mankerian, McNiff, Meservey, Rodgers and Liaison Miller

Members Absent: Commissioners Davis and Zuck

Staff Present: Natalie Dean, Director of Community Services

MINUTES

MOTION by Collins, supported by Meservey, to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2015 regular meeting as presented. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

AGENDA

MOTION by Burke-Smith, supported by Mankerian, to accept the agenda for the May 13, 2015 regular meeting as presented. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and discuss comments received on Draft Master Plan Update

Staff discussed that the Draft Master Plan Update was distributed and received comments from four sources. The comments were received from Marshall Township, Marengo Township, Michigan Historic Preservation Network and Ginger Williams. Staff reported that in response to the comments received, multiple suggestions have been addressed and the Draft was updated accordingly. Updates included the revision of the

Future Land Use designation of the area of Michigan Avenue at East Green Street and Centennial to Commercial, as well as the revision of the Future Land Use designation of Saint Mary's Cemetery to Public/Semi-Public.

Staff noted that the city's designation for the area east of the fairgrounds is in disagreement with Marengo Township's Future Land Use designation. She stated that Marengo Township has designated this area as Residential, while the city has retained the Public/Semi-Public designation in order to best serve possible growth of the fairgrounds. She stated there were also several comments received from Ginger Williams pertaining to various items in the Draft Master Plan Update, which had been forwarded to commissioners for review. Staff mentioned that the Draft Master Plan Update received favorable responses from Marshall Township and Amanda Reintjes with Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Set public hearing for Draft Master Plan Update for Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

MOTION by McNiff, supported by Mankerian, to set public hearing date for Draft Master Plan Update for Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

Collins reported that the American Museum of Magic will be hosting the Midwest Magic History Weekend convention at the Franke Center for the Arts from May 28 through May 31, 2015.

Meservey reported that the Farmer's Market will be opening May 16, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She reported that over thirty vendors have registered so far, with at least twelve planning to be present for opening day.

Burke-Smith reported that the Boy Scouts will be holding a scrap metal drive at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds on May 16, 2015.

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Banfield reported that the Ketchum Park Advisory Committee delivered a presentation to City Council outlining their accomplishments and future goals. He commented that the committee is moving in a positive direction.

Staff distributed and discussed the 2015 City Visioning, Goals, Objectives and Tasks. She stated the report includes four main goals and city staff has been directed to include these goals in staff reports, as well as identifying specific goals pertaining to projects presented to City Council. She also noted that she has been working with Clearzoning on reorganizing the zoning ordinance and the sign ordinance into the Clearzoning format.

ADJOURN

The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Submitted by,

Crystal Lane