

**MINUTES  
MARSHALL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2015**

In a regular meeting session, Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 323 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI, the Marshall Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Davis.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Davis, Banfield, Burke-Smith, Collins, Mankerian, McNiff, Mesurvey, Rodgers, Zuck and Council Liaison Miller

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Natalie Dean, Director of Community Services

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by McNiff, supported by Zuck, to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2015 regular meeting as presented. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

**AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Banfield, supported by Zuck, to accept the agenda for the June 10, 2015 regular meeting as presented. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Comment on Draft Master Plan Update - None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Receive Zoning Amendment request RZ#15.01 for 309 W. Hanover and 318 S. Grand from Calhoun County to rezone from multiple family residential (MFRD) to Public/Semi-Public (PSP) districts.

Staff stated the Zoning Amendment request includes two locations as Calhoun County has applied to combine 309 W. Hanover and 318 S. Grand into one parcel.

**MOTION** by Collins, supported by Meservey, to receive Zoning Amendment request RZ#15.01 for 309 W. Hanover and 318 S. Grand from Calhoun County to rezone from multiple family residential (MFRD) to Public/Semi-Public (PSP) districts. On a voice vote: **MOTION CARRIED.**

Set public hearing for Zoning Amendment request RZ#15.01 for July 8, 2015.

**MOTION** by Banfield, supported by Rodgers, to set public hearing for Zoning Amendment request RZ#15.01 for July 8, 2015. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Review and discuss comments received on Draft Master Plan Update.

Joe Tangari of Clearzoning discussed the Draft Master Plan Update. He stated the Draft Master Plan Update builds upon the current Master Plan with greater detail in response to demographic changes that have occurred since the last Master Plan Update in 2008. He stated Clearzoning worked to ensure the Master Plan Update aligns with the goals of other community planning efforts, such as the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Redevelopment Ready Communities best practices and the City Visioning, Goals, and Objectives as set by City Council. He stated one of the most important elements of the plan is the Implementation chapter, which is designed to be utilized throughout the five year life of the plan. He also mentioned the 2015 Draft Master Plan Update introduces new areas, such as Lifecycle Housing, Complete Streets, and further expounds upon the feasibility of enhanced broadband internet service in the community. The Draft Master Plan Update also explored additional options for the redevelopment of Special Project Area I.

Davis asked for clarification on how public comments received on the Draft Master Plan Update were addressed. Tangari stated there were some zoning amendments made in response to comments received from Marengo Township.

Consider approval of 2015 Draft Master Plan Update.

**MOTION** by McNiff, supported by Mankerian, to approve 2015 Draft Master Plan Update.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Jack Reed addressed the Planning Commission to express appreciation for the time and effort put forth by commissioners.

## **REPORTS**

Staff reported there will be a work session on the Zoning Ordinance update on July 29, 2015. She also mentioned the regular meeting in September will be moved to September 16, 2015, and there will be a Community Open House that same day prior to the regular meeting to introduce the new format for the Zoning Ordinance.

Collins reported the American Museum of Magic hosted 110 magic historians and magic collectors the weekend of May 28-30, 2015. She noted the visitors gave very positive feedback regarding the community.

Council Liaison Miller reported that the Farmer's Market has been well received by the community and vendors. She stated by mid-summer the number of participating vendors could reach full capacity.

Meservey reported the Farmer's Market is averaging approximately 700 – 800 visitors per day.

Davis reported there is a Ward 5 City Council vacancy and discussed the process for filling the position. He also reported the dissolution of the Chamber of Commerce is now official. He stated Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance will continue to use the Chamber of Commerce brand and will earmark Chamber of Commerce funds for their originally intended purposes.

## **ADJOURN**

The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Submitted by,

*Crystal Lane*