

**MINUTES
MARSHALL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2020**

In a regular session, Wednesday, July, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Training Room, 323 West Michigan Ave, Marshall, Michigan, the Marshall Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Davis.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Davis, Commissioners Burke Smith, Banfield, McNiff, Reed, Rodgers and Schwartz

Members Absent: Commissioners Collins and Rodgers, and Council Liaison Metzger

Staff Present: Trisha Nelson, City Clerk & Planner
Eric Zuzga, Director of Special Projects

AGENDA

MOTION by Schwartz, supported by Burke Smith to accept the agenda for the Wednesday, July 8, 2020 as submitted. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED**

MINUTES

MOTION by Burke Smith, supported by Reed, to accept the minutes from the April 13, 2020 regular meeting. On a voice vote; **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Banfield, supported by Burke Smith, to keep the Master Plan as is since it is still relevant and revisit in the 2022 fiscal year to update the Master Plan.

Zuzga stated that the Michigan Planning and Zoning Enabling Act requires us to look at the City Master Plan every five years and at that point it needs to be determined if we still think it's relevant, if it can be amended or does it need to be completely redone. He further stated that we are a year from having new census data, and that while there are things that need to be looked at, it makes more sense to wait for the census data to be available. He stated that he recommends that we leave it as it for now and revisit in the 2021-2022 fiscal year when we have more information. He further stated that there

are somethings staff can do in house if we're going to keep the goals and just make minor changes, but that if a complete overhaul is needed we would need to contract it out.

McNiff questioned whether Zuzga believed it would need to be completely overhauled or if minor changes would suffice. Zuzga replied that minor changes could get us through for a couple years, but that there are properties within the future land map that need to be changed.

Schwartz stated that the river district needs to be looked at. McNiff added that we need to free up more residential areas. Nelson stated that the census data should give us a better indication of our needs. Banfield stated that one of the main reasons to relook at the Master Plan is to get input on the future and since people are only concentrating on surviving right now, that hopefully in a year we should be able to look at it. He further stated that future developers look at the Master Plan and how we are organized when deciding whether to work within a city and that having a Master Plan that hasn't been changed in a decade could pose a problem.

McNiff questioned if there was anything that was need to maintain our status as a redevelopment ready community. Zuzga stated that this meeting is a step in that process and that the recertification was being worked on by City Staff.

Banfield stated that the cost of a contractor to redevelop the plan if needed should be included in the budget.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON AGENDA

None

REPORTS

Nelson stated that the site plan for the Delta One facility at 343 S Mulberry would be coming soon.

Davis stated that MAEDA held 3 interviews for a new CEO, none of which were local. One of those interviewed has DDA experience while another has fun a decent sized Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURN

Planning Commission adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Michelle Eubank