

Proceedings of the Planning Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission Meeting took place on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Development Conference Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan. Chairman Wyssling called the Public Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

1. RECORDING OF THE ROLL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Geib, Burchell, Davey, Johnson, Semo, Community Development Director Brown and Chairman Wyssling.

ABSENT: Commissioner Bergman and Lemke (Excused).

2. Consider approval of the September 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Davey, seconded by Johnson and carried to approve the September 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

3. Consider approval of the Agenda for this Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Johnson and carried to approve the agenda.

4. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (Three minute limit).

There were none.

5. Audience.

Commissioner Burchell introduced the Downtown Art Place proposal and resolution for the City Centre building owned by the City of Ironwood. The proposal would provide retail space for local artists to sell and display their work on the main floor and provide studio and office space for artists on the second floor of the building. Burchell discussed grants they can pursue to install a handicap bathroom, elevator, to fix the boiler and upgrade the electrical in the building. Discussion followed and how this wouldn't be healthy competition for other art business venues in the City because this proposal would be subsidized by grants.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Davey to have Director Brown review the proposal for compliance with the master plan and zoning ordinance. Motion passed 4-0 with Wyssling Abstaining.

6. Discuss and Consider recommendation of Ordinance #495, Book 4, Medical Marijuana Ordinance to Ironwood City Commission.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Burchell and carried to set the public hearing for November 7, 2012.

7. Project Updates.

Director Brown informed the Commission he researched costs and possible grants for master plans. The cost was \$25,000.00-\$50,000.00 and grants do not exist for master plans only smaller area plans such as downtown plans or neighborhood plans.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Geib and carried to request the City Commission consider budgeting for a Master Plan for next fiscal year.

U.S. 2 Highway was discussed and what enhancements could be done as part of the reconstruction scheduled. A safe route to school grant was discussed and how it would be important for safe pedestrian travel on the highway.

8. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit).

Chris Rhyner of E. Ayer St had questions about enforcement of the Marihuana Ordinance and if any changes needed to be made to the ordinance language. Chair Wyssling thanked Mr. Rhyner for coming and suggested he attend the public hearing at the next meeting.

9. Other Business

There was none.

10. Adjournment

***Motion** was made by Geib, seconded by Davey and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M.*

Michael J. D. Brown, Community Development Director