



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Thursday, March 1, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, March 1, 2017 in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order: Chair Davey called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Recording of the Roll:

| MEMBER                                    | PRESENT  |          | EXCUSED       | NOT<br>EXCUSED |
|---|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|
|   | YES      | NO       |               |                |
| Vacant                                    |          |          |               |                |
| Burchell, Bob                             |          | X        | X             |                |
| Cayer, Joseph Sr.                         | X        |          |               |                |
| Davey, Sam                                | X        |          |               |                |
| Lemke, Joseph                             |          | X        | X             |                |
| Nancy Korpela                             | X        |          |               |                |
| Semo, Rick, ex-officio, non-voting member | X        |          |               |                |
| Silver, Mark                              | X        |          |               |                |
|   | <b>5</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>Quorum</b> |                |

Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson

3. Approval of the February 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion** by Silver to accept the February 2, 2017 Minutes. **Second** by Cayer. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion** by Cayer to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

A. Medical Marijuana Discussion: Director Bergman and the Commission discussed options.

Terry Decker from the audience addressed the Commission discussing his lab that is currently in the City of Ironwood and his plans for it if the City passes the ordinance.

B. Discussion of City owned parcel on the corner of Ayer St. and May St.: Director Bergman introduced the site map attached to the Agenda. Bergman stated that the Commission could ask Fahrner to submit a site plan for the Commission to review. Fahrner addressed the Commission with his plan. The Commission asked to see proposed lots before a decision is made.

**Motion** by Silver to exempt Fahrner from the formal RFP process. **Second** by Silver. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

C. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

I. Strategy 3.1(a) Update the Zoning Ordinance

1. Director Bergman stated that Ryan Soucy with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has emailed him with good news about the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

II. Strategy 3.1(b) Update the Zoning Map

1. Director Bergman stated that the map has not been worked on yet.

III. Strategy 4.2 Prepare a Wayfinding Master Plan

1. Director Bergman discussed a funding opportunity through the State for entrance signs to the community.

IV. Strategy 4.4 Prioritize, plan for and construct pedestrian system improvements

1. Director Bergman stated that the pedestrian system is going to the City Commission for a workshop.

V. Strategy 5.8(a) & 6.8(a) Develop a community-wide arts plan

1. Korpela discussed the Upper Peninsula Arts and Culture Alliance that is forming. She stated that the City can potentially use the Alliance master plan to use for implementation.

8. Other Business: None.

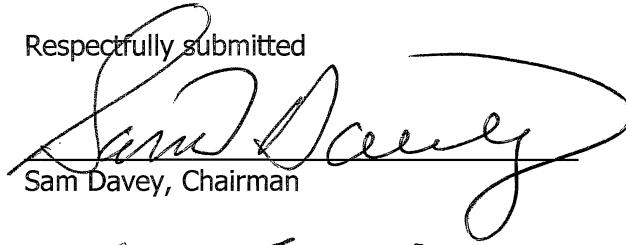
9. Next Meeting: April 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment:

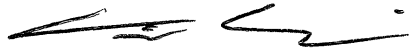
**Motion** by Cayer to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Silver. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

Adjournment at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Davey".

Sam Davey, Chairman

A smaller, more compact handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Erickson".

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant