



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Thursday, February 2, 2017

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A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, February 2, 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 Bergman called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Vacant				
Burchell, Bob	X			
Cayer, Joseph Sr.	X			
Davey, Sam	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X	X	
Nancy Korpela		X	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 January 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion** by Silver to accept the January 5, 2016 Minutes. **Second** by Cayer. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion** by Cayer to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 6 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. Public Hearing and Consideration of PC Case 2017-001 Ottawa Forest Products Site Plan and Conditional Use for Outdoor Log Storage: Chairman Davey read aloud the Public Hearing Procedure and opened for public comment. Director Bergman introduced the case and discussed the terms that were discussed between a parks and recreation committee and Ottawa Forest Products at a previous meeting. He also stated that the conditional use is for both properties. Chairman Davey opened and closed for public comment.

**Motion** by Burchell to accept the conditional use permit based from the terms that were presented and agreed upon. **Second** by Silver. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

**Motion** by Cayer to approve the site plan for both sites. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

- B. PC Case 2017-002 Capital Improvement Plan: Director Bergman stated that the CIP has one additional item that needs to be added.

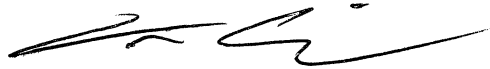
**Motion** by Burchell to recommend to the City Commission to approve the CIP as amended to include the Historic Ironwood Theatre roof repair project. **Second** by Cayer. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

C. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

- I. Strategy 3.1(a) Update the Zoning Ordinance
  1. Director Bergman discussed the timeline for the revision and stated that he is waiting on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for potential funding for the update.
- II. Strategy 3.1(b) Update the Zoning Map
  1. Director Bergman stated that some city owned property isn't consistent with the zoning map and could be updated right away.
- III. Strategy 4.2 Prepare a Wayfinding Master Plan
  1. Director Bergman discussed the wayfinding master plan and stated that staff is working on it.
- IV. Strategy 4.4 Prioritize, plan for and construct pedestrian system improvements
  1. Director Bergman stated that City Manager Erickson would like to workshop this item with the City Commission.
- V. Strategy 5.8(a) & 6.8(a) Develop a community-wide arts plan

1. Director Bergman stated that he has been in discussion with Korpela. There is a meeting scheduled with a regional art organization to get it moving.
8. Other Business: Burchell discussed a grant writing workshop through the Michigan Arts Council hosted at the Historic Ironwood Theatre.
9. Next Meeting: March 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment:  
**Motion** by Silver to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**  
Adjournment at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Sam Davey, Chairman  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant