

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018 AT 2:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN

Chairman Straus called the public hearing of the Mackinac Island Planning Commission to order at 2:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Straus, Anneke Myers, Jim Pettit, Lee Finkel, Mary Dufina, Ben Mosley
ABSENT: Trish Martin
STAFF: Zoning Administrator, Dennis Dombroski

The purpose of the public hearing was for discussion on the Master Plan draft.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan

Adam Young, of Wade Trim, gave an overview of the new Master Plan process. There were no comments received in writing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Reitman asked if future revenue development was addressed in the new draft, such as a hotel or room tax or a business license fee structure. Michael Straus stated that there is not a future fundings section. A specific hotel tax cannot be done, but an across-the-board tax could be done. Myers stated that the fee structure is reviewed each year. A profit may not be made from fees. Young stated he thought it was a good idea to look at the business license fee structure. Reitman then asked if grants are researched annually. Myers stated that the City does not have a dedicated employee to research grants, but that any grants the City learns of, they do pursue.

Steve Rilenge thanked the Committee and then pointed out that it is difficult to form a plan when you do not know how many people come to the island. He feels that in the future there should be a system to count people. Straus stated that this is encouraged in the new draft.

Tom Corrigan asked if there was a Zoning Ordinances review. Myers stated that once the new draft passes the next phase is to implement the new strategies. Straus went on further to state that the Ordinance Review Committee meetings bridge the gap until the next Master Plan review.

Cordelia Puttkammer asked if the boardwalk was on the next Master Plan review in five years. Straus stated it was considered for the current draft, but it was decided to hold off. However, it is generally mentioned in the current draft.

Reitman asked if future employee housing plans are in the new draft. Myers stated that yes, it is addressed in the Goals and Policies section as well as pages 76 and 78.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Dufina thanked all the audience members for attending the Public Hearing. She went on to say that the Master Plan is not big, or difficult to read and encouraged everyone to take the time to read the entire Master Plan. She pointed out that the comments from the 4th to 12th graders, included in the draft, are amazing.


Finkel thanked the Committee and Adam Young for the excellent work.

Myers, as Chair, thanked Adam Young for his work and understanding of our community, and appreciated his dedication. Young stated it was a privilege.

With no further business there was a Motion by Mosley, second by Finkel to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



Michael Straus, Chairman



Katie Pereny, Secretary