

CITY OF IONIA
Planning Commission
January 8, 2014
Annual Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Annual Meeting

The City Manager called the Annual Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission to order at 4:30 PM. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to select a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary for 2014.

Chairperson: It was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Hoppough to select Commissioner Young as Chairperson. MOTION CARRIED.

Vice-Chairperson. It was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Kelley to select Commissioner Hoppough as Vice-Chairperson for 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary. It was moved by Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Hoppough to select Commissioner Cook as Secretary for 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the City of Ionia Planning Commission for January 8, 2014 was called to order by Chairperson Chris Young at 4:36 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call revealed Commissioners Dave Cook, Boomer Hoppough, Gordon Kelley, Tim Lee (arrived at 4:42 PM) Evonne Ulmer (arrived at 4:40 PM) and Chris Young present. Commissioner Mark Jennings was excused.

City Manager Jason Eppler, Officer Doug DeVries and Planning Consultants Tim Johnson and Jim Morgan were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Young reviewed the agenda with the Commission. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Ulmer to approve the agenda for the January 8, 2014 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Commission reviewed the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Regular Meeting. After review it was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Ulmer to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Commission meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

OLD BUSINESS Steele Street Corridor Master Plan: Planning Consultants Jim Morgan and Tim Johnson reviewed with the Commission the latest draft of the proposed Steele Street Corridor conceptual plan. The Commission conducted a thorough review and offered suggestions for revisions/improvements to the plan. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the area south of the former railroad right-of-way and east of Steele Street, especially the Steele Street Plaza property and Matcor. Several suggestions were offered by the Commission for a sub-area plan. The City Manager will work with the consultants on developing a more specific plan for this area.

NEW BUSINESS Review of Status of Implementing the 2012 Master Plan – Implementation Plan: The Commission reviewed the progress that it has made in implementing the short-term recommendations contained in the 2012 Master Plan. Several items have been completed. Several items (including the Steele Street Corridor Master Plan) are underway. Of priority to complete for calendar year 2014 is a complete streets plan for specific areas of the City. The Commission will begin this process by participating in a training session on the topic coordinated by Mr. Johnson.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The City Manager reminded Commissioners that the Orange Township Planning Commission will be reviewing the Sparrow Ionia Hospital Site Plan on Tuesday, June 21, 2014. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM and will be held at the Berlin-Orange Township Fire Station.

Commissioners discussed having Mr. Johnson conduct a Commissioner training session in the upcoming months. An item for the training will be “Complete Streets 101”. Chairperson Young asked the City Manager to coordinate the scheduling of the training session with Mr. Johnson.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Hoppough to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Eppler
City Manager
Recording Secretary for Dave Cook, Secretary