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MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

54-B District Courtroom 2

101 Linden Street

East Lansing, MI 48823

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners present:

Kevin Beard, John Boyse, Syed Waqar Haider, Steven Stapleton

Commissioners absent:

Thomas Baumann, Erich Ditschman, Troy Fassbender, Julie Rojewski

STAFF PRESENT:

Steven Roach (Senior Engineer) and Andrew Bisaha (Design Engineer)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

No quorum – agenda could not be formally approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 4, 2019:

No quorum – minutes could not be formally approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION:

Draheim was not present to provide comments.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS:

There was no audience at this meeting.

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION OF THE RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING DRAFT ORDINANCE

Roach clarified that the RPP issue was directed to commission for comment by Draheim. Stapleton commented that his primary concern is that RPP voting processes as communicated in the draft ordinance Section 2B would be limited to property owners; students and the underprivileged would be significantly impacted by an RPP in their neighborhood but unable to vote on the issue. Commission discussed the fairness of considering votes from residential rental owners, renters, business owners and property managers.

Roach provided background and experience on the last RPP established, in Chesterfield Hills. Roach described the process as lengthy, controversial and divisive. At the time, Chesterfield Hills

was significantly impacted by construction parking from the adjacent renovations of MSU's Brody area.

The goals of the draft ordinance seem to be standardizing and streamlining. RPPs can establish not only parking permit quantity guidelines but also whether parking is allowed on both sides or one side of a street.

Beard recognized that parking restrictions are being used to help control over-occupancy of rental housing. Boyse shared that a house in his neighborhood caused a strain on parking when it was rented and over-occupied.

2. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SCHEDULE

Commissioners brainstormed a tentative schedule of visitors to upcoming commission meetings:

MARCH – COLEMAN ROAD EXTENSION, OTHER SUMMER PROJECTS

APRIL – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATION AND MEET WITH NEIGHBORING COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING TIM POTTER (MERIDIAN TWP)

MAY – REVIEW NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

JUNE – INVITE CATA

JULY / AUGUST - NONE

SEPTEMBER – TRAFFIC SAFETY

OCTOBER – ELPD

TO BE SCHEDULED

- PLANNING COMMISSION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET
- MDOT
- TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN

3. STAFF UPDATE

Bisaha and Roach briefed the commission on traffic and road rehabilitation projects which are scheduled for 2019 construction.

4. COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS

Boyse restated his concerns regarding the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians due to the installation, maintenance and inspection of construction barricades. There were no additional member concerns.

5. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

FINALIZE SCHEDULE AND DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR MDOT, TRI-COUNTY, CATA, ETC.

Roach recommended that the commission formally discuss and communicate to future meeting invitees, what specifically they will be expected to research and discuss. This discussion and communication would be especially important for organizations who deal with a wide variety of topics such as MDOT, CATA and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was (informally) adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

KEVIN BEARD, VICE CHAIR

ANDREW BISAHA, SECRETARY