

**CITY OF MASON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2015**

Reeser called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Commissioners: Barna, Brown, Fischer, Hagle, Hude, Reeser, Sabbadin, Scott, Waxman
Absent: Commissioner: None
Also present: Martin A. Colburn, City Administrator
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director
Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Minutes of February 10, 2015

The regular meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015, were approved as corrected.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioners applauded Marlon Brown, Sesquicentennial Chairperson, for the exemplary ceremony held March 9, 2015 for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Brown commended the Sesquicentennial Committee.
- My Crowd Source was announced as a new business concept to be considered through “The Hatching” event, an online funding platform in the Lansing area.

PRESENTATIONS

Harmony Gmazel, Senior Land Use Programs Planner for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC), gave a brief description of the organization’s role. She informed Commissioners regarding the new free, online mapping tool, Mid-Michigan Health Impact Assessment Toolkit. Ms. Gmazel gave a thorough explanation as she led commissioners along the online digital mapping uses. A brief discussion ensued regarding the practical application for commissioners.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Medical Marihuana Ordinance Subcommittee Report

Haywood gave a brief update of the first meeting held, February 28, 2015, by the Medical Marihuana Ordinance Subcommittee. The subcommittee discussed the process of creating draft language to the current ordinance to address the issues identified during the Planning Commission meeting held February 10, 2015. The subcommittee developed a brief list associated with, and in addition to the items compiled February 10, as well as planning steps to incorporate public education and participation. Colburn stated that both Aurelius and Vevay Township Supervisors are interested in participating in an ad hoc committee comprised of Aurelius, Vevay, and Mason planning commissioners to discuss compatible legislation between neighboring communities. Brown commented on Washington Post articles regarding legislation introduced on March 10, 2015, in the U.S. Senate to change federal policy relating to medical marihuana.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Hude provided each commissioner with the current Michigan Planner issue dedicated to elected officials and informed them they are eligible to become members if they are interested.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Brown informed commissioners regarding current City Council business.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Haywood informed the Commission regarding current zoning and development business.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Colburn informed the Commission regarding current City business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Deborah J. Cwierniewicz, City Clerk

Seth Waxman, Secretary