

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MEETING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017, IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER- GARDEN ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke
Council Members Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Shetler

ABSENT: None

And;

PRESENT: Chair Fuller
Planning Commissioners: Gilezan, Hamborsky, Profeta, Reiter, Vaughn, Vitale

ABSENT: Rozycki, Stapleton

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Smith
City Attorney Chip Berschback
Building Official Tutag
Deputy City Clerk Gerhart

Mayor Novitke called the joint meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole and the Planning Commission to order at 6:06 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: None

The Mayor turned the meeting over to Planning Commissioner Hamborsky who provided an overview regarding **2020 Vision Plan**. It was stated that the goal of the plan is to provide specific additional physical and program elements that would produce significant lifestyle enhancements for the Grosse Pointe Woods Community. The Planning Commission used the following mission statement in crafting the 2020 Vision Plan:

To provide forward thinking, realistic design, zoning and administrative tools that shall allow the City of Grosse Pointe Woods to foster and support contemporary future development to achieve maximum sustained viability, growth and value.

The goal of this plan is to provide the City with a manageable and actionable plan for attaining this vision. The Planning Commission divided this into short term, more easily attainable goals, in addition to more major long-term projects requiring significant levels

of investment. The City Administrator was directed to present the 2020 Vision Plan to the Director of Public Safety, the Director of Public Services and the Building Official for feedback to be presented at a future Committee-of-Whole meeting in the fall. Chair Fuller and members of the 2020 Vision Plan Committee then took questions from the City Council.

The Planning Commission was asked to research any ordinance changes that would help facilitate the implementation of the plan for Council's consideration. Possible ordinance amendments discussed included design standards for new businesses, as well as the potential for having rear façade improvements required when making improvements to a commercial building. A discussion was then held regarding the potential use of public art to draw individuals into the community.

Under **General Discussion**, a discussion was held about contacting Wayne County Road Commission regarding converting the crosswalk signs at Mack and Vernier to include a countdown of the remaining time to improve pedestrian safety. Discussion was also held regarding expanding the entrance signs to the east and west entrances to the City along Vernier. The Mayor has spoken to the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce regarding coordinating a sidewalk sale along Mack Avenue, however the feedback they have received from the business owners along Mack Avenue has been minimal.

Under Public Comment:

- Margaret Potter, 1834 Allard, thanked the Planning Commission for the work that they put into the plan;
- George McMullen, 1382 Hollywood, thanked the Planning Commission for the work that they put into the plan.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, that tonight's meeting be adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Gerhart
Deputy City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor