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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 25, 2014
IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE
POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Rozycki.

Roll Call: Chair Rozycki
Fuller, Gilezan(7:24), Hamborsky, Harrell (6:39), Stapleton, Vaughn (6:37), Vitale

Absent: Profeta

Also Present: Building Official Tutag
Deputy City Clerk Gerhart
Council Member Ketels

The first item on the agenda was **Continued Discussion: 2020 Plan**. Member Hamborsky provided an overview of the plan and welcomed discussion regarding the plan.

- Margaret Potter thanked the Commission for the work that went into the project.
- Member Vitale was in favor of taking a small step towards implementing the plan by creating a design standard for streetscape to present to local businesses looking to improve the front of their business.
- Member Stapleton cautioned against submitting the plan to the Council before a traffic planning engineer was able to complete a traffic study.
- Members Hamborsky and Vitale where in favor of presenting the project to Council, as it is just a vision, and let the Council determine what projects should be completed moving forward. The plan includes many bold vision statements that will require additional steps before being completed.
- There was discussion regarding the I Heart GP banners and the installation of those banners to promote the streetscape, the banners have arrived and will be installed when the manpower allows.
- Traffic calming methods will be discussed at the January meeting, in relation to the installation of a traffic calming table in front of University Liggett.
- Member Vitale inquired if the Grosse Pointe Foundation would be a potential funding source for the implementation of the pocket park concept.
- There was also discussion on how to increase funding from the County in regards to the right-of-way, or the potential to purchase the right-of-way from the County.
- The potential to include an electronic display board for the entryway at Mack and Vernier was discussed.

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- The consensus of the Commission was to create a priority list and present the list to Council, with the first action to be the implementation of a design standard allowing for interested businesses to implement the design. The priority list will focus mainly on easily attainable goals and then challenge the Council to implement the larger broader goals at a further date.
- Discussion was also held regarding the potential to implement a plan to improve the facades of business. Previously, low interest rate loans were available for businesses to make these improvements.

The Planning Commission Workshop was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Gerhart
Deputy City Clerk