

City of Grosse Pointe Park
Planning Commission
August 20, 2015
10:00 A.M.
Minutes

A meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. within Council Chambers at City Hall.

Roll Call

Present: Fred Olds, Mike Fikany, David Gaskin, Jim Robson, Jeff Graham, Mark McCourt, & Dale Krajniak.

Excused: Robert Buhl.

Minutes

Moved by Gaskin, supported by McCourt, to approve prior meeting minutes as presented.

AYES: All.

NAYS: None.

Kercheval Avenue Update

Discussion upon long-term plans for Janet's Lunch. Noted current concept is the placement of a New Orleans style bar/restaurant. Noted Janet's liquor license is still in place.

Former Real Estate under renovation adding new flowerings and will contain a pedicure/manicure hair salon. Noted City is focusing on improving daytime foot traffic in the district.

Mack Avenue Update

Reviewed interest in the development of the City owned properties along with sidewalk and curb replacement from Wayburn to Somerset. Expected start up for new sidewalk to include, decorative lights, and tree replacement as well.

Noted first block slated for work included Maryland to Lakepointe late fall.

Noted shop owners preferred new trees, removal of flower beds and placement of decorative lights similar to Charlevoix & Kercheval.

Foundation

Recommended new project calls for an atrium improvement for the Tompkins Center. The project is expected to be undertaken over the next two years as fundraising has just started.

Housing Improvement

Discussed rental market improvement. Landlords moving forward with updates within town as a result of the increased demand for quality units.

Noted some interest in City owned vacant lots in the Wayburn to Lakepointe area however, current price point limits ability to build quality units and provide a return of investment to cover the construction.

Pursuing the completion of the Lakepointe townhouse project. Design to be one half of the prior unit density and, more suitable for seniors and single floor style designs.

Jefferson Avenue

Discussed long-term goal of relocating DPW yard for Jefferson redevelopment.

Also briefly discussed status of the multi-purpose Art Center for Jefferson Avenue adjacent to City Hall.

Permits under re-application for consideration of future water plant.

With no further business meeting adjourned.