



HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC MEETING OF HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Rescheduled Meeting

5:48 p.m.

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIR

5:48pm Motley

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Willis, Pye, Jordan, Motley

Absent: Bursey, Billington, Glotta

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from September 15, 2021 & April 6, 2022

Motion from Pye, Second from Jordan. Approved

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only) **2 Minute Limit**

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discussion on the status of the Park Plaza Development.**

- Hinton: Recommend re- approval of the zoning component of the request of Park Plaza minus the park.
- Documents to get approved by Council is the fee for service agreement, purchase agreement/development agreement, Zoning by excluding the park.

VI. NEW BUSINESS-

~~4. **Vote on the rezoning of the Park Plaza Development.**~~

1. **Motion to Recommend rezoning of the park Plaza, minus the park.**

Motion from Willis, Second from Pye. Approved.

- Motley mentions that this meeting was digitally recorded due to the technical logistic issues that were held, and this was an important meeting that needed to be held as these items had been put off for a long time.
- Hinton also mentions that meeting will have to be rescheduled from our normal meeting times as listed in the Charter (3rd Wednesdays of ea. Month) to another Wednesday as we are in conflict with another commission.

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2. Discussion on Animal Ordinance.

- Hinton mentions that City Council asked us to give feedback on this ordinance.
- Public mentions someone having chickens, peacocks, and wanting to vacate the alley & we should look at cities around us to see what they are doing.
- Commissioner mentions that other cities can pick up stray animals, and we don't have the same means to control all of these animals
- Ty says that there has been two requests; To have 2 Nigerian dwarf goats, and the other to have a chicken coop.
- **Presentation was made by one person who submitted request in end of May to have a Chicken Coop.**
- She has done research and looked into cities around her and what they are doing, along with in our ordinance and does see that it is permitted, with strict guidelines (6 max, no roosters, only hens & permission from neighbors).
- She has been to every City Council, Legal, CED, and planning commission.
- Commissioner wants to know the purpose: Presenter says for the eggs, and after the 1st 5 years buy new chickens since their life span typically ranges from 8-10 years. They will give the eggs to the neighbors down the street as they are surrounded by vacant land.
- Ty asks for the presenter to submit entire package to CED Specialist, & which this will be discussed internally as to the process.
- Motley clarifies that this was not proposed amendment, just a discussion on how to move forward legally, and keeping people within compliance.
- Presenter mentions that Detroit doesn't allow it, but it is a complaint driven ordinance, and as long as people don't complain, it's not a problem.
- Commissioner concerns how will this be managed as for city tax dollars... if this is approved for one person, there may be more requests, esp. as the City's population is increasing.
- Commissioner also mentions an expansion of a contingency plan to accommodate animal control in draft of animal ordinance to expand language.

VII. OTHER

- Continued conversation on when meetings will be held monthly. Hinton mentions that who can be present for the meetings show up in person, and others can show up via zoom.
- Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:30pm is a tentative meeting date and time to approve the minutes of the current meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items)

None.

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IX. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS / UPDATES

- Hinton mentions that there are about 5 developments coming in their direction in the near future and if we can mark down times that people can commit too would be very beneficial.
- Motley mentions that we communicate with staff, council, legal & others of our definitive meeting time prior too, to start the conversation now.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS / ADJOURNMENT

Motion from Pye, Second from Jordan 6:30pm Adjourned.

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