

**FLINT PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8, 2015**

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**Commissioners Present**

Robert Wesley, Chair  
Leora Campbell  
Carol-Anne Blower, Secretary  
Robert Jewell  
Denise Allen  
Patrick Ryals

**Staff Present**

Claire Nowak-Boyd, Planner  
Brian Larkin, Director of Planning  
Kevin Schronce, Lead Planner  
Karena Hamlet, Manager of Business Services, Flint  
& Genesee Chamber of Commerce

**Commissioners Not Present**

David Jackson, Sr. - excused  
Elizabeth Jordan - excused  
Phyllis McCree - excused

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Wesley called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

*M/S – Allen/Ryals*

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda of January 13, 2015 as submitted.  
*Unanimously carried.*

**MINUTES:**

*M/S — Jewell/Allen*

Motion to adopt the minutes of November 24, 2015 as submitted.  
*Unanimously carried.*

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Chairman Wesley announced the rules of the public forum.

8<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilwoman Vicki Van Buren, 1023 Leland St., spoke to check in with the Commission. She praised the Commission's work and noted that new zoning will add work.

Public comment closed.

**SITE PLAN REVIEW:**

There were no site plan reviews.

**CASE REVIEW:**

There were no case reviews.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

There were no public hearings.

**REPORTS:**

C. Nowak-Boyd presented an update on SPR 15-855, an engineer's letter from the applicant of 6031 Dupont (Parcel ID #46-26-276-016) regarding the method of collapse of the cell phone tower.

Commissioners discussed concerns about making sure the method of collapse of the cell tower was depicted consistently. After discussion, the Commission decided to accept the letter and Commissioner Blower signed the sealed drawings.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

*None*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Master Plan Implementation*

Kevin Schronce noted upcoming meetings: a Choice Neighborhoods meeting at Atherton East and a Master Plan Steering Committee meeting at the Flint Public Library at which the Mayor will be in attendance.

Brian Larkin introduced Karena Hamlet, a new staff person in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Flint to work on Economic Development. Karena's work is a part of the goal of creating a "map" for businesses to navigate development.

Brian Larkin gave a CIP update. Public Works and the City Administrator's staff want to speak with the Commission about the CIP. Questions include the impacts of the spending freeze and water corrosion upon the pipes. Brian raised the possibility of pushing back CIP items a year.

Brian noted that the City Administrator has been talking about reviving Citywide Advisory Boards, particularly with regard to CDBG issues. Commissioners discussed the history of the role of CWACs: how they were created, how they were disbanded, and how they might work going forward. Brian noted the need to identify an official, functional community input voice to the City. Commissioner Jewell noted the role of community groups as outlined in the MOU.

Brian noted that the Steering Committee needs to bring their zoning work back to the Commission. The Steering Committee is winding down.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*M/S – Ryals/Allen*

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.