

FLINT PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2017

Commissioners Present

Robert Wesley, Chair
Robert Jewell
Denise Allen
Elizabeth Jordan, Vice Chair
Phyllis McCree
Harry Ryan
Carol-Anne Blower, Secretary

Staff Present

Corey Christensen, Zoning Coordinator
Kevin Schronce, Lead Planner
Reed Eriksson, City Attorney

Commissioners Not Present

Leora Campbell

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Wesley called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Committee-of-the-Whole Room, 3rd Floor, Flint City Hall.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Jewell moved that the Public Hearing be moved ahead of the Site Plan Review, and also that the Election of Officers was moved to just after the Adoption of the Agenda.

Corey Christensen added a staff report on Educare to Reports.

M/S – Allen/McCree

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda as amended.

Unanimously carried.

MINUTES:

The Commission examined the minutes of April 11, 2017, various changes were made.

M/S – Allen/Jordan

Motion to approve the corrected minutes of March 14, 2017.

Yes: R. Wesley-Ward 5, R. Jewell-Ward 6, D. Allen-Ward 7, E. Jordan-Ward 9, H. Ryan-Ward 1, C. Blower-Ward 4

No:

Abstain: P. McCree-Ward 8

Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC FORUM:

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PC 17-873: Green Bean, at 408 S. Center Rd.

Parcel ID # 41-09-476-032

Applicant: Rachelle Arnott

Bruce Leach – attorney, spoke on behalf of Rachelle Arnott, and gave an overview of the project, they are seeking to expand the facility.

Commissioner Jewell requested that the applicant, and not the Attorney, speak on the application.

Ms. Arnott gave an overview of the operation at the Green Bean East. The proposal is to move the provisioning center to the front of the building. Seeking to expand the space used to cultivate.

Commissioner Jewell drew attention to the staff report. The structure the facility operates in sits on two separate parcels. Ms. Arnott asked if it would be possible to combine the parcels so that the facility sits on one approved parcel.

Commissioner Jewell drew attention to the letter sent by staff to provide more information in the site plans. The site plans that were submitted contained the revisions requested.

Commissioner Jewell asked if the applicant provided an itemized list of corrected items.

Commissioner Jordan asked about the new state laws and whether this facility falls in line with those new laws. Rachelle Arnott explained that their current plans are in line with the new state laws.

They are trying to abide by all the guidelines of the new state law that they are aware of. They will be in compliance with the seed to sale requirements of the state.

Commissioner Jordan asked about their plan for when the new state laws come into effect. Ms. Arnott explained that it is her understanding there will be no grandfathering and so they will be coming into compliance with the new laws and reapplying for their license.

Commissioner Wesley asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to oppose, and no one spoke to oppose.

Commissioner Wesley asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak in favor. Bruce Leach spoke in favor of the applicant. No one else spoke in favor.

M/S – Blower/McCree

Motion for postponement of the application until the next meeting to give the applicant time to apply for a parcel combination and provide an itemized checklist of corrected items is provided for 408 S. Center Rd., Flint MI, 48506. Parcel ID # 41-09-476-032.

Unanimously carried.

REPORTS:

Chevy Commons

Scot Lautzenheiser gave an update on Chevy Commons. The entire site is 60 acres, it is a brownfield site. Eventually the entire area will become a naturalized area composed of wetlands and walkways. It will connect to several trails. Phase 3 is out to bid. Currently the site is contaminated.

Commissioner Allen commended Scott on his presentation and inquired about funding. Scott said he wasn't sure if Kettering University was involved then he explained other sources of possible funding.

Commissioner McCree inquired about the environmental standards they were employing in the project. The city worked with the EPA to make sure the site is up to EPA standards so that all contamination is addressed.

Educare

Staff gave a report on Educare. Educare received site plan approval from the planning commission on December 13th and recently submitted an application requesting amendments to the approved site plans. Staff will be able to approve these administratively.

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

There were no site plan reviews.

CASE REVIEWS:

There were no case reviews.

RESOLUTIONS:

There are no resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kevin Schronce gave an update on the Medical Marihuana Moratorium.

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff asked the Planning Commission for any recommendations for Historical District appointments. There are 4 vacant spots needing to be filled.

Election of Officers

Chairman Wesley asked staff to run the meeting for the annual election of officers.

Corey opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary for the annual term April 2017 - April 2018.

Commissioner Jewell nominated Commissioner Blower for the office of Secretary.

Commissioner Blower accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

M/S – Jewell/Jordan

Motion to close the nominations for the office of Chair.

Unanimously carried.

Corey opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair for the annual term April 2017 - April 2018.

Commissioner Wesley nominated Commissioner Jordan for the office of Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Jordan accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

M/S – Wesley/Blower

Motion to close the nominations for the office of Vice-Chair.

Unanimously carried.

Corey opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary for the annual term April 2017 - April 2018.

Commissioner Allen nominated Commissioner Wesley for the office of chair.
Commissioner Wesley accepted
There were no further nominations.

M/S – Allen/Jewell

Motion to close the nominations for the office of chair.

Unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S – Allen/Blower

Unanimously carried