

FLINT PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present

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

Commissioners Not Present

Denise Allen

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Wesley called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Committee-of-the-Whole Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Jewell moved Item F – Site Plan Review to after Public Hearing.

Commissioner Jewell added Green Bean Response to Case Review.

Commissioner Jordan added council members.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

M/S – Jordan/Campbell

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda as amended.

Unanimously carried.

MINUTES:

The Commission examined the minutes of 10-24-17.

Commissioner Jewell and Chairman Wesley made changes.

M/S –Campbell/Blower

Motion to approve the minutes of 10-24-17 as amended.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no public comments.

CASE REVIEWS:

Reed Eriksson spoke regarding Green Bean. After discussing the future circumstances and the ban on cultivation/dispensary colocation, the issue is moot and there is no need for a response from this body.

Commissioner Blower asked if there is a limit for them to come back. Mr. Eriksson stated that we cannot impose a timeline, but it is unlikely they will return.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PC 17-314: Wireless Tower

Applicant: Ben Varney, Pyramid Network Services
Location: 503 S Saginaw St., parcel # 41-18-114-001
Contact: Debra Bullen, Mott Foundation

Ben Varney, representing Sprint, requests a Group D Special Regulated Use permit to install new wireless antennas and equipment on the C.S. Mott Building at 503 S Saginaw Street. Mr. Varney gave an overview of the project, which included details about the project's location and ZBA case history.

Commissioner Jewell asked about the negotiations and asked about their status. He asked if these negotiations were contractual or structural. Mr. Varney replies that they have done extensive structural review and the negotiations have nothing to do with that.

Commissioner Jewell asked what the disputed items in the lease are. Mr. Varney replies that he cannot list the particulars of the lease agreement from memory. Commissioner Jewell asks Mr. Varney if he is comfortable with the existing lease agreement. Mr. Varney replies yes.

Commissioner McCree asked if the approval from this body has any bearing on the lease agreement. Mr. Varney replies no.

No one spoke in opposition or in favor.

M/S – Jewell/Jordan

Motion to approve PC 17-314 as submitted by the applicant.

Unanimously carried.

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

SPR 17-886: Wireless Tower

Applicant: Ben Varney, Pyramid Network Services
Location: 503 S Saginaw St., parcel # 41-18-114-001
Contact: Debra Bullen, Mott Foundation

Ben Varney spoke in regard to the site plan. He describes that there is an existing tower and they will install antennas. They will use the upper level of the penthouse to store equipment.

Chairman Wesley specifies with Mr. Varney that there would be no increase in height.

M/S – Jewell/McCree

Motion to approve SPR 17-886 as submitted by the applicant.

Unanimously carried.

REPORTS:

There were no reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates on the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act draft

Kevin Schronce passed out an update from LARA.

Commissioner Jordan brought up issues with patient confidentiality regarding medical marihuana.

Mr. Schronce discussed a timeline of the draft. The goal is to seek approval from this body in two weeks (November 28th). Then the draft can be introduced to the legislative council sub-committee on the first Wednesday in December.

Other Old Business

Kevin Schronce provided updates on the Choice Neighborhoods Program and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jordan spoke regarding the new council members and orientation for them. She suggests to talk to Clerk Inez Brown about providing an independent orientation. She also suggested a meeting between leadership of the Planning Commission and leadership of the Council.

Chairman Wesley asked to set up a meeting with Clerk Inez Brown, especially regarding zoning.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S – Blower/Campbell

Unanimously carried.