

FLINT PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes - *Approved*
April 23, 2019

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present

Andy Aamodt, Zoning Coordinator
Adam Moore, Lead Planner
Andy Fedewa, Planner I
Reed Eriksson, Assistant City Attorney

Commissioners Not Present

Leora Campbell – Excused

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Wesley called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Committee-of-the-Whole Room, 3rd floor of the City Hall.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Elections of officers was added after Minutes. Review of the Medical Marihuana Grow & Processing submittal guidelines was added to Reports.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

M/S – Allen/Blower

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda as amended.

Unanimously carried.

MINUTES:

The Commission examined the minutes of 4-9-19.

M/S – Jewell/Ryan

Motion to approve the minutes of 4-9-19 as presented.

Yes: Wesley, Jordan, Blower, Jewell, Ryan

Abstain: Allen

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Planning Commission elected Commissioner Wesley as Chair, Commissioner Jordan as Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Blower as Secretary.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one spoke.

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

There were no Site Plan Reviews.

CASE REVIEWS:

The Commission requests that a zoning status update for Flint Hard Cider Co., 610 M L King Ave. be presented at the 5-14-19 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PC 19-336: Application to transfer ownership of Green Culture, at 808 S. Center Rd. (Parcel ID # 41-09-483-034) from Justin Clark to Hani Kassab Jr.

Justin Clark presented application. Commissioner Blower asked if this will be a complete transfer. Mr. Clark responded that it will be complete and he will have no further involvement.

Commissioner Jewell referred to the incomplete section on page 5. Mr. Hani Kassab Jr. checked the appropriate boxes to complete the application.

Commissioner Jordan inquired about Mr. Kassab’s business experience. Mr. Kassab states that he owns and partly owns multiple LA Insurances, he has been in the Flint area for 20 years, and has seven provisioning center approvals in Michigan, but no open businesses yet. Mr. Kassab said he received a pre-qualification from the State in February 2019.

Commissioner Allen referred to page 5 – timeline for hiring. Mr. Kassab replied currently there is no set timeline for hiring employees.

No one spoke in favor. No one spoke in opposition. Staff confirmed no feedback was received.

M/S – Blower/Allen

Motion to approve PC 19-336, application to transfer ownership of Green Culture, at 808 S. Center Rd. (Parcel ID # 41-09-483-034) from Justin Clark to Hani Kassab Jr. as presented.

Unanimously carried

REPORTS:

Medical Marihuana Grow & Processing submittal guidelines: Staff is currently confirming materials and content with the Law Department.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): Generally, the Capital Improvement Plan process starts in the fall to be approved for the next year. Staff reported that because of Planning & Zoning Division staff turnover this fiscal year and onboarding a new Lead Planner and Zoning Coordinator, coupled with limited bandwidth the process was not started this year.

Planning Commissioners requested a memo of staff direction for the rest of the year to be prepared for the 2020 CIP process.

Proposed Budget Update: Adam Moore said that there are no changes to the Department of Planning & Development budget from last year. The DPD Budget Hearing with City Council was scheduled for 4-24-19.

Draft Zoning Code Update: Adam Moore described the direction staff is taking to bring the Draft Zoning Code to the City administration, City Council, and the residents of Flint.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S – Jordan/Blower

Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.