

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON JULY 27, 2021, IN THE COUNCIL-COURT ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Bailey.

Roll Call: Chair Bailey
Planning Commissioners: Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Profeta, Vitale
Absent: None
Also Present: Building Official Tutag,
Administrative Assistant Modrack

The Planning Commission, Administration, and the audience Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

MOTION by Fuller, seconded with a friendly amendment by Profeta, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance as amended: that under item 10, Council Report/s, June 12 is corrected to June 21.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Bailey, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Profeta, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: None

The Chair recognized Council Representative Vaughn who was in attendance.

MOTION by Vitale, seconded by Gilezan, that the April 27, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes be received and placed on file as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Bailey, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Profeta, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: None

The next item was **General Discussion: Solar Panels**. Building Official Tutag presented an overview of the City's Solar Ordinance and the State's Solar Ordinance. Discussion ensued and the Building Official answered questions from the Commission. The Chair suggested forming a Solar Ordinance Revision Subcommittee to discuss language and then present findings at the next Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Hamborsky, Gilezan and Vitale will be part of the Solar Ordinance Revision Subcommittee.

MOTION by Hamborsky, seconded by Gilezan that a Solar Ordinance Revision Subcommittee is formed.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Bailey, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Profeta, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: None

The next item was **General Discussion: Outdoor Patios**. Commissioner Vitale brought up the fact that the Commission may want to explore a standard for outdoor patios along Mack Avenue. Discussion ensued and the Building Official answered questions from the Commission. Chair Bailey will include this in the Streetscape Subcommittee tasks.

The next item was the **Building Official's Monthly Report**, and the following items were presented for the months of June and July 2021:

- Sign variance request is coming up next Commission meeting for Estia Greek Street Food on Mack Avenue.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library considering making amendments to their Special Land Use, which will have to come before Planning Commission and City Council.
- Went over recent discussions with the City Attorney about proposed revisions to the City's Sign Ordinance.
- Went over recent discussions with the Mayor and City Attorney regarding potential revisions the Colonial Design Standards.
- The Building Department is extremely busy and shorthanded. Looking to hire a Property Maintenance Inspector and Electrical Inspector.
- Clearzoning update: approved by City Council in July and will reach out to Giffels Webster for an update to bring to next month's Planning Commission meeting.

The next item was **Council Reports**:

- Council member Vaughn reported on the June 21st Council meeting.
- Commissioner Profeta reported on the May 3rd Council meeting.
- Commissioner Gilezan had nothing to report on the May 17th Council meeting.
- Commissioner Profeta reported on the June 7th and 21st Council meetings.
- Commissioner Fuller reported on the July 12th and 19th Council meetings.
- Commissioner Gilezan will be reporting on the August 2nd Council meeting.
- Chair Bailey will be reporting on the August 16th Council meeting.

Under **New Business**, the following items were discussed:

- A. Chair Bailey gave an update regarding the vacant Planning Commission spots.
- B. Streetscape – Chair Bailey reported that outdoor patio standards will be added to the subcommittee tasks, new trashcans and benches are at the DPW, would like to take a photo of the new installments with the Commission, will be in contact with Streetscape Committee once installed.

- C. 2020 Vision Plan – Commissioner Hamborsky reported the subcommittee is looking into and contemplating new goals, including doing a redline to the final proposal and adding a more appropriate title.
- D. Crosswalk/Pocket Park – Vice Chair Fuller reported that there has not been much update since the beginning of the pandemic, Chair Bailey said he would attend the next school board meeting and see if there is any update, if they would like insight from the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Under **Public Comment**, the following was discussed:

- Melinda Billingsley, 20143 Doyle Court, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.
- Council member Vaughn reported and provided an update on Cheyne Trombly Park, reminded about upcoming City events: Fishing Derby and City Picnic on August 7th, Music on the Lawn on August 27th.
- Commissioner Profeta thanked the City for sharing assets such as the park with other communities.
- Chair Bailey thanked City Staff.

MOTION by Gilezan, seconded by Vitale to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YES: Bailey, Fuller, Gilezan, Hamborsky, Profeta, Vitale

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Josie Modrack

Administrative Assistant to the Building Official