

City of Hartford Planning Commission
Regular Meeting, Hartford City Hall
March 8th, 2021 Minutes

Called to Order: 7:35 P.M. by T. Kling

Members Present: Per Roll Call: J. Fuller, D. Langston, J. Kling, T. Kling, & N. Spoula

Also Present: Yemi Akinwale, City Manager & public attendees

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by D. Langston, seconded by N. Spoula, to approve the March 8th, 2021 agenda as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by J. Fuller, seconded by D. Langston, to approve the January 11th, 2021 minutes as written. All present in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments Not on the Agenda:

****Water / Sewer update** – due to PFAS contamination, Wendell & Prospect St., large water project coming up. City has applied for a 3 Mil grant for the project, and will include connecting the two mobile home parks, Viking & Applewood. J. Fuller asked how far the new line will go – not past the sewer plant.

****5 West Main update** – building will need to pass inspection, if not, will be taken down.

****The Catholic church expansion** has not started yet.

New Business: Site Plan Review – Great Lakes Cultivation Advisors, LLC. Property located off of Marion Ave. on Hillsborough St. in the City of Hartford – will be a marijuana growing & packaging facility only. T. Kling obtained & reviewed the Site Plan prior to Planning meeting, making sure it met all of the requirements of the Site Plan Check List. Went over & shared with all present.

Howard Ballard, owner of property, presented Site Plan along with Alex Frazier w/Hurley & Stewart engineering firm from Kalamazoo. Mr. Ballard has already purchased the property, owns outright, and has a partner from Oregon. He's working w/Brooks Architecture from Stevensville. Has already been working on property clean up & prep for building. City had already done a good job in the years prior cleaning up the property & removing contamination. There is EPA Brownfields grants & federal funding available to aid in any further cleanup if needed. J. Fuller questioned whether storm water run off would cause extra contamination. Mr. Ballard said no, they will not be doing anything to disturb the current drainage. They're working on getting 100% cleaned up prior to completion & future project. With known contamination – has to be reviewed by state environmental engineer. After thorough review of the Site Plan, and questions answered, ready for motion to be made.

Motion made by D. Langston, seconded by N. Spoula, to recommend the Site Plan Review for the Great Lakes Cultivation Advisors, LLC grow facility to the City Council for final review & approval. Per roll call, 4 in approval, 1 decline by J. Fuller, due to not legal under federal law yet, majority present in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: D. Langston inquired whether or not Joe Deckard's carport was approved – the City did approve to let it remain in place.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by T. Kling at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenine Kling, Vice Chair & Secretary