



**Plymouth Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 12, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Karen Sisolak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Sisolak, Commissioners Joe Hawthorne, Tim Joy, Jennifer Mariucci, Hollie Saraswat, Scott Silvers and Eric Stalter

Excused: Commissioner Shannon Adams

Also present: City Commissioner Kelly O'Donnell, Community Development Director John Buzuvis and Planning Consultant Sally Elmiger.

**2. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

O'Donnell said the City Commission would be evaluating what she expected to be a final draft of the five-year strategic plan on January 18. She said the goals include auditing and creating a plan to update the zoning ordinance, looking at paid parking and addressing outdoor patios.

Jill Marecki, 610 Blunk, spoke about demolished homes and the parking ordinance.

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. December 8, 2021 Meeting

Joy offered a motion, seconded by Silvers, to approve the minutes for the December 8, 2021 meeting.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Hawthorne, Joy, Silvers, Stalter, Sisolak

Abstain: Mariucci, Saraswat

MOTION PASSED 5-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Buzuvis asked for nominations for the office of chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2022. Saraswat nominated Sisolak and Silvers seconded the nomination.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Hawthorne, Joy, Mariucci, Saraswat, Silvers, Stalter, Sisolak

MOTION PASSED 7-0

Sisolak asked for nominations for the office of vice chairperson of the Planning Commission for 2022. Joy nominated Silvers and Hawthorne seconded the nomination.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Hawthorne, Joy, Mariucci, Saraswat, Silvers, Stalter, Sisolak  
MOTION PASSED 7-0

**6. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Stalter expressed concern over starts and stops to the verge on Ann Arbor Rd.  
Saraswat said she was saddened to see Wiltsie's Pharmacy closing and feels the downtown is losing functionality as a result. She would like to encourage a variety of businesses.  
Joy asked how the tree ordinance is working out and the group discussed it.  
Hawthorne said he's noticed fewer teardowns in the neighborhoods. He also asked when the Westborn Market project would come before the Planning Commission again. Buzuvis said he expected it to be on the February agenda.  
Mariucci introduced herself to the group.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. 2021 Annual Report

***Citizen Comments***

Ellen Elliott, 404 Irvin, said she appreciated everything the Planning Commission does, as reflected in the report. She also commented about encouraging a variety of businesses in the downtown area.

***Commission Comments***

Commission members discussed the report, which included an implementation matrix. Sisolak noted that only immediate and short-term priority items were included in the matrix, and that she would like to add mid-range goals to the list. After a discussion, it was agreed that Planning Commission members would email the Community Development office with ideas for inclusion on this list, as well as the list of zoning ordinance amendments to be addressed this year. The ideas will then be compiled and discussed at the next meeting. It was noted that items to be addressed should align with the City's strategic plan, which is expected to be adopted this month.

**10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Joy said he might not be able to attend the February Planning Commission meeting.  
O'Donnell said she was meeting with a potential new member of the Planning Commission next week.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Joy offered a motion, seconded by Hawthorne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

There was a roll call vote.

Yes: Hawthorne, Joy, Mariucci, Saraswat, Silvers, Stalter, Sisolak

MOTION PASSED 7-0