



Plymouth Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Karen Sisolak called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Chair Sisolak, Vice Chair Scott Silvers, Commissioners Sidney Filippis, Zachary Funk, Trish Horstman, Kyle Medaugh, Hollie Saraswat, and Eric Stalter

Excused: Member Joe Hawthorne

Also present: Planning and Community Development Director Greta Bolhuis, Planning Consultant Sally Elmiger

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ellen Elliott, 404 Irvin, said she was looking forward to this year and working together on the master plan and DDA strategic plan. She encouraged all to attend the City Commission strategic plan meeting on January 11.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Funk offered a motion, seconded by Saraswat, to approve the minutes for the December 13, 2023, meeting as presented.

There was a voice vote.

Sisolak abstained.

Stalter was out of the room and did not vote.

MOTION PASSED

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Silvers offered a motion, seconded by Saraswat, to approve the agenda for January 10, 2024.

There was a voice vote.

Stalter was out of the room and did not vote.

MOTION PASSED

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bolhuis asked for nominations for the office of Chair of the Planning Commission. Silvers nominated Sisolak. Bolhuis asked two more times for nominations, and there were none.

There was a voice vote.

Sisolak was elected unanimously.

Sisolak asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. Saraswat nominated Silvers. She asked two more times for nominations, and there were none.

There was a voice vote.
Sillers was elected unanimously.

6. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Sisolak welcomed Sidney Filippis and Trish Horstman to the board. They introduced themselves to the group.

Funk welcomed the new members.

Stalter said he enjoyed seeing things in town that the Planning Commission has influenced and used the Elks building as an example.

Sillers welcomed the new members and noted that now he was the most senior member of the board.

Saraswat also welcomed the new members and told them they would soon settle in, and that she had learned a great deal since she first started.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Master Plan Discussion

The group formed two subcommittees to work on master plan updates. Sisolak, Horstman, Saraswat and Hawthorne offered to serve on the public engagement subcommittee, and Silvers, Funk, Stalter, and Filippis agreed to serve on the future land use subcommittee. Medaugh said he would continue to work on the transportation chapter.

Meetings were scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of the month – public engagement at 10:30 a.m. and future land use at 3:00 p.m.

b. Generator Ordinance Discussion

Joe Elliott, 404 Irvin, and the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair said he appreciated the Planning Commission taking on the task and that he had no problem with the ordinance modifications.

There was a discussion about the vegetation exceptions, and it was agreed that only trees of a defined DBH should be in the ordinance.

Sillers offered a motion to schedule a public hearing for ordinance 78-217 with modifications as discussed by the board. Horstman seconded the motion.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2023 Planning Commission Annual Report

After reviewing the document, Stalter offered a motion, seconded by Saraswat, recommending that the Planning Commission send its 2023 Annual Report to the City Commission for review.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

10. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

City Commission Liaison Brock Minton invited all to attend the strategic planning session on January 11 from 5-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The group provided a variety of subjects they'd like Minton to bring up during the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Saraswat offered a motion, seconded by Silvers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED