

**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 15, 2014
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street Allegan MI 49010**

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by Chairperson Brad Burke.

2) Attendance

Present: Charles Tripp, Brad Burke, Betty McDaniel, Cindy Manning, Sally Sturgis,
Stacie Gratz, Dr. Peter Savage

Absent: Cindy Thiele, Thomas Morton

Others Present: Tasha Smalley (ZA), Rob Hillard, Deb Leverage

3) Approval of minutes from August 15, 2014

Betty McDaniel made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Charles Tripp. Motion passed by acclamation.

4) Public Hearing – none

5) New Business –

A. City received RRC Certification

Rob Hillard announced that City is the 2nd in the State to become Certified. Big thank you's to all those who participated in making this possible. The ZO, riverfront, downtown, website and many others who worked hard to achieve. Only took the City 9 months to complete the certification. An award ceremony is Fri Sept 19 from 1-2 at the Griswold, all welcome and encouraged to attend.

B. 2nd round of classes RRC

Next round of classes have been scheduled. Rob is planning to attend the Lansing class. Please contact the City if you wish to attend.

6) Old Business

A. Master Plan – Williams and Works proposal – discussion/recommendation

Williams and Works presented a proposal for the review and minor revisions to the Master Plan. Rob went over the proposal and outlined a timeline. The revision will be a joint effort with Allegan Township. We will have two separated documents but similar language for our adjoining areas. Stacie Gratz made a motion to recommend the proposal to City Council for approval. Motion was supported by Peter Savage. Motion passed by acclamation. Also, Chapters 8, 9 and 11 of the current Master Plan were discussed. These will be the Chapters that will be reviewed in depth. Please read the chapters to familiarize yourself with the content. We will be planning some vision session(s) or some other citizen input event.

B. Goals...

2014/2015 goals discussed; in the goals it is mentioned to have a joint meeting with the Parks commission. Since we are having the Joint Planning Commission already, we will invite the Parks Commission to join us. Mill district – the City was denied for first grant “fish habitat” grant. Found our way very close to be granted. The City is re-applying. The funds will help with our Mill District vision.

C. Reminder – Joint Planning Commission meeting with Allegan Township on Oct 20.

Meeting will be held at the Griswold.

7) Communications/Correspondence-

8) Education – none

9) Public Comment - none

10) Commission Comment- Betty McDaniel reminded about the Secret Spaces tour Sat Sept 20 from 9-5. J.C.'s Oktoberfest also 4-11pm. Jail will be moving Wed Sept 24th.

11) Future meeting dates.....next regular scheduled meeting October 20, 2014.

12) Adjournment

Pete Savage made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Stacie Gratz. Motion passed by acclamation. -7:43pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tasha Smalley
Zoning Administrator