

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION HELD JOINTLY WITH CITY COUNCIL AND THE DDA AT THE WEST BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT, 130 PAGE STREET, ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024.

Chairperson Cori Lucynski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Bob David, Yvonne DeRoso, Cori Lucynski, and Rusty Showalter

Absent: Josh Erickson, Kara Fachting, and Mike Jackson

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All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Chairperson Lucynski gave the annual update to City Council and noted during 2023, the Commission twice made recommended changes to the zoning code. The two recommendations changed zoning districts for a few parcels in the City to better zone them for uses that were more practical for the area they were located in and better for the City. The Commission also changed the table of uses for uses allowed by right or by special use in the Mixed-Use District. The Commission reviewed the Masterplan and approved a new Capital Improvement plan. The Commission continued work towards the implementation of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program guidelines, pursuant to the Resolution of Participation in the RRC Program that was passed by the Planning Commission in November of 2015. The Commission will focus their attention to the development of a marketing strategy during the 2024 calendar year. The Commission will continue to hold joint annual meetings with both City Council and the DDA. The Planning Commission also participated in a series of virtual trainings on the Michigan Planning Act.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm