

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

The regular monthly Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Lucchesi at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015 with the following members present: Ron Blau, Dave Lucchesi, Tony Wilmers, Clark Korpela, Bob Wenc, Deb Mann, Lisa McKenzie and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Dan Seguin

Guests: Allyson Jabusch, 929 Maple St.
And William Obst, 205 Montezuma St.

It was moved by Wenc and seconded by Blau to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by McKenzie and seconded by Wilmers to approve the August 24, 2015 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Allyson Jabusch discussed the recent Phi Kappa Tau volunteer clean up she organized at the Labrynith and she was thanked for her efforts.

William Obst talked about the Water Street hillside and landscaping.

Updates/Information

-Heard that Jim Hwang has made a purchase offer on the County owned old DHS office building located at 200 Quincy St. using his Evergreen Technology, Inc. Company. The building would be used as an office and lab for his research businesses.

-Looked over the Phase I plan for a façade upgrade at the Wisti-Lawton building which will include 10 window replacements at 101 Quincy Street.

-Heard that Xeretec Corporation has relocated to the Bridgegard rental space at the garden level at the Lahti high rise building.

-Noted the City received an "A" Standard & Poor's bond rating on September 1, 2015.

-Heard the City refinanced \$1.24 million of general fund bonds and will save \$84,321 over the duration of the bond issue.

-Noted MTU had student growth of 182 students, the highest number of students in 30 years.

-Heard FU had a 9% student growth and has 536 students.

-Heard that the new bridge at Swedetown Creek had been installed.

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- Discussed the view shed & MDOT ownership of the Quincy Hill overlook, and the need for MDOT to brush out the property.
- Heard the Barkell Elementary School sidewalk safety entrance project was completed by the start of the school year. Siler Contracting was the low bidder. The project cost \$28,890 and was funded with a \$15,000 grant from the WUPHD, \$6,050 from the Hancock Schools, and \$7,840 from the City.
- Heard the State Legislature and the Governor are still discussing a road funding increase of \$1.2 billion, of which \$800 million is proposed to be new revenue.
- Heard FU is considering adding 35 dorm beds starting construction in 2016, and allow additional bed construction in the future.
- Heard that UPPCO is proposing a rate increase of 8.95% for residential, small commercial at 3.17% and medium commercial at 6.77%. Large commercial would not increase.
- Heard MDOT is scheduling a final plan review meeting for October 9th on the Quincy St. reconstruct project.
- Heard MJ Electric is constructing 3 new electric transmission foundations to relocate towers in the area just north of the Driving Park.

The Commission was updated on the MDOT Quincy Street project scheduled for 2016. The project will be bid out on February 12, 2016, and the final plan review meeting is scheduled for October 9th. MDOT engineers are saying that the Front Street construction may not be done until the 2017 construction season.

The Commission discussed the City's plan that most of the electric overhead lines located West of City Hall on Quincy Street will be removed as part of the 2016 project. Seven buildings need mast head relocations and 5 buildings need both mast head relocations and electric upgrades.

The Commission was informed that the owners of Beachview Trailer Park did clean up the May 27th fire damaged trailer #29 in September. The trailer owner did not have insurance coverage, and the City has been working with the park owners to get the site cleaned up.

The Commission discussed the DEQ notification to the City dated September 8th that the SAW Grants for storm water and sanitary sewer asset management would be awarded this fall to the City as part of round 3 of the grant distribution. Under the lottery system, Hancock was selected #332 out of 579 municipality applications.

The Commission reviewed a list of site vegetation options for the 60' x 700' strip of hillside between Montezuma Ave. and Tezcuco Street prepared by OHM Advisors.

Deb Mann informed the Commission that "Make a Difference Day" will be held on Saturday, October 24th.

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Bob Wenc asked about the Parade of Nations impact on the 2016 Quincy Street construction project. City Manager Anderson responded that the construction work may be done up to the Quincy Green area by the September parade date, but verification needs to occur next summer.

It was moved by Blau and seconded by Wilmers to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary