

**CITY OF HANCOCK
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022**

Regular Meeting

Call to order by Chairperson Rickard at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Rickard, Lahti, Burack, Blau, Harris, LaBine, Walton, and Griffis and Wenc (late)

Also Present: Sadiq Edo-Abdi

Absent: None

Review and approval of agenda – Motion by Member LaBine and supported by Member Blau to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment – Marcia Goodrich of the Hancock Beautification Committee commented on the plantings, shoreline and native species references in the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Updates and Information

- Bridgefest – June 16th to 19th events will be held at Porvoo Park and other locations in Hancock.
- A list of training opportunities was given to the members, let Mary know if anyone is interested in any of the trainings.
- Updated Forms are available on the website, most are fillable PDFs.
- New website is up and running.
- Meeting Calendar with 2022 meeting dates and times of all commissions and committees was given to members and is also available on the website.
- Commission Openings were reviewed, notice published in the newspaper, online & sent to the listserv.
- Upcoming Community Events were reviewed - Barnelopet – KNSC will be held Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the Maasto Hiihto trail and the City sponsored a sledding party on January 15, 2022 on the Quincy Green and the City will sponsor a skating party at Lurn-Grove on February 13, 2022 from 3-5 pm.
- Public Meeting for the Non-Motorized Recreation Trail will be held at the Franklin Township Office on January 26, 2022 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- Western UP Planning & Development Plan has been completed and available for anyone who would like a full copy of the plan.
- Zoning Board of Appeals will be looking at two variance requests, a setback variance at 1225 Minnesota St. and a downtown use variance at 308 Quincy St.
- Business and Technology Park Industrial Development District public hearing was held on December 15, 2021.
- Joint Meeting with the City Council, DDA and Planning Commission date will be set once the City Council approves.

Old Business

- Motion by Member LaBine and supported by Member Lahti to schedule Draft Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing for February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
 - During discussion Member Burack wanted her comments to be put on record regarding combining R-2, B-1, B-2 and the DMU districts.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, Rickard, Harris, LaBine, Walton, Griffis, Lahti, Burack and Wenc

No: None

Motion Carried

- Mary Babcock gave a presentation on the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

New Business

- DRAFT Business and Technology Park Covenants were presented to Members for review. The commission would like input from members at the next meeting.
- Motion by Member LaBine and supported by Member Harris to approve the Zoning Permit/Application for 201 E. Franklin Street.

Yes: 8

Abstain: 1 – Member Lahti due to conflict of interest

No: None

Motion Carried

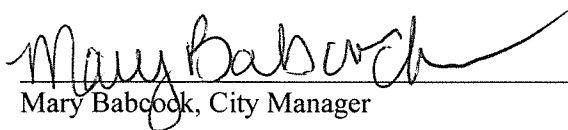
Public Comment – Bob Wenc commented on the need for cable hook up at the Hancock Campground. Comments from commission members noted there is WiFi available at the Hancock Campground.

Motion by Member Wenc and supported by Member LaBine to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Mary Babcock, City Manager