

**City of Bridgman  
Planning Commission**

Thursday, March 17, 2016  
9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106  
7:00 P. M.

**I     CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Parsons at 7:00 P. M.

**II    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III   ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:           Crocker, Fuller, Herrman, Kading, Nitz, Parsons Woerdehoff

ABSENT:           None

ALSO PRESENT:    Ganum, Bridgman City Manager

**IV    APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

A motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016 was made by Woerdehoff.  
Nitz provided a second.

The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of February 23, 2016 are approved.

**V     HEARING OF CITIZENS**

There were no citizens present that wished to be heard.

Herrman made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and to open the Public Hearing.  
Woerdehoff provided a second.

The motion passed.

The regular meeting adjourned (at 7:04 P. M.) and the Public Hearing opened.

**VI PUBLIC HEARING**

**City of Bridgman  
Planning Commission  
Public Hearing  
Thursday, March 17, 2016 7:00 P. M.**

1 PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Bridgman, acting on a request by the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance, proposes to amend Section 11.03(7) "Prohibited Signs" of its Zoning Ordinance with the following language:

Any sign which is not accessory to the business being conducted on the property on which the sign is located or which advertises goods, services, or any other item that is not on the premises where the sign is located except when said sign is a billboard which is the principal use on the parcel of property in accordance with the requirements of Section 11.07(2) or as otherwise provided in this Ordinance. Directional signs which meet the Michigan Department of Transportation's Specific Services Signing Program are excluded from this prohibition, provided that the following conditions are met: (A) Directional signs shall only be placed on specific structures and signage which are authorized by the City of Bridgman. (B) The City of Bridgman shall specify signage design.

2 PRESENTATION BY THE PETITIONER

(Staff report is enclosed in this document.)

3 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no citizens that wished to be heard.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence presented.

5 CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENTS SESSION

Herrman made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and to reopen the regularly scheduled meeting.

Woerdehoff provided a second.

The motion passed unanimously.

The regularly schedule meeting is reopened (at 7:07 P. M.).

6 SESSION FOR COMMISSION TO ASK QUESTIONS AND ADDRESS THE CHAIR ON THE PETETION

No questions were brought forth.

## **VII NEW BUSINESS**

- 1 Consider petition submitted by Calli Berg on behalf of the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber of Commerce and Growth Alliance to amend Section 11.03(7) "Prohibited Signs" of its Zoning Ordinance with the following language:

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Herrman made a motion to recommend to the City Council the amendment of Section 11.03(7) to read as follows:

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Woerdehoff provided a second.

The motion passed unanimously.

It is recommended to the City Council the amendment of 11.03(2) to read as follows:

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## **VIII UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

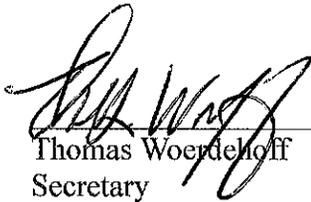
- 1 Presentation of plans for Monogram Centre by Marty Mason.

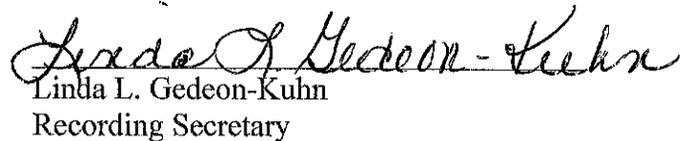
Mason introduced Heidi Hornaday, architect for the Monogram Centre. Mason assured the Commission that the Monogram Project is moving forward with his goal to restore and renovate the property on Red Arrow Highway and Lake Street. He told the Commission that he has hired McQuire Contracting to complete the project..

His plans are for the outside of the building to be renovated in 6 months. He said, when completed (target date is 2017), the group of three buildings will provide outdoor patios, businesses, eateries, and lodging. His vision is for upscale finishes, underground utilities, and awnings, as a design element. He has acquired space to meet the parking requirements.

## **IX ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

  
Thomas Woerdelhoff  
Secretary

  
Linda L. Gedeon-Kuhn  
Recording Secretary