

**CITY OF BRIDGMAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 18, 2021  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Planning Commission was held February 18, 2021 remotely by means of electronic conferencing and called to order by Chair Hurray at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Parsons, Richard Kading, Dorothea Crocker, Eugene Herrman, Mark Hurray, Tom Woerdehoff, John Truesdell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Ganum, City Clerk Holm, Building Official Mattner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the board.

**Chair** Hurray read aloud the agenda and meeting procedures for those that wish to be heard.

**APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Member Crocker, seconded by Member Woerdehoff to approve the agenda for February 18, 2021 as presented,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Crocker, Woerdehoff, Hurray, Parsons, Kading, Herrman, Truesdell

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Woerdehoff to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes as presented with the correction of the spelling of Member Herrman throughout the minutes,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Woerdehoff, Hurray, Parsons, Kading, Herrman, Truesdell, Crocker

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review Master Plan Goals and Strategies – Housing and Neighborhoods**

Chair Hurray explained one of the functions of the Planning Commission is to look at the Master Plan periodically to see if the City is moving towards obtaining some of the goals listed. There are six different

sections that have goals, and he would like the board to look at one section per meeting. Tonight, the board will review the three goals listed under **Housing and Neighborhoods**.

- Goal 1 – Residential units in Bridgman will include a broad range of housing types, including duplexes, rowhouses, live/work buildings, second-floor apartments, and detached homes.
- Goal 2 – Downtown Bridgman and its residential neighborhoods will be safe, attractive, well-maintained, and inviting places with walkable streets and convenient connections to recreation facilities, schools, employment, shops, services, and natural areas.
- Goal 3 – Residents will have the skill and resources necessary to improve and maintain their homes.

The board discussed the three goals at length to see if these goals are still achievable, or if they should recommend actions for the City Council to act upon. Chair Hurray suggested creating a spreadsheet to present to council after the board has gone through all lists of goals. Ganum will invite the realtor for the empty senior center on the corner of Lake Street and Church Street to the next Planning Commission meeting to get more information on the motivation of selling the property and see if they could assist in facilitating the redevelopment of that property. Ganum will also invite the Parks and Recreational Director Ball to the next meeting to discuss the city's parks.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **Marijuana survey – review and approve for dissemination**

The board went through the marijuana survey. The following suggestions were made:

- Place an additional checkbox at the very beginning of the survey that people can check if they are not interested in having ~~anything~~ **any marijuana establishments** built in Bridgman. That way they do not have to complete the rest of the survey.
- Member Truesdell reworked the language at the beginning of the survey. Ganum will rework a sentence, but other than that the board likes the new language.
- After the board has the information from the survey, they can hold a couple meetings where people can speak and give the board their input. The board will then determine the results and bring their recommendation to the City Council.
- Ganum will incorporate Member Truesdell's new language and the additional question at the beginning of the survey. He will then send it out to the Planning Commission next week.
- The deadline for the next Buzz is around April so there is plenty of time to get this survey in.

#### **STAFF UPDATE:**

##### **Revetments and shoreline protection – Chikaming Township's proposed Ordinance**

Ganum shared the information that Attorney Senica gave the council on Monday evening. Chikaming Township is proposing an ordinance to prevent shoreline ~~armory~~ **armoring** which is more than the resolution the city council passed last year. Ganum is just wanting to share what is happening since this could create a precedence for other municipalities in preventing shoreline ~~armory's~~ **armoring's** by ordinance. Ganum also updated the board on the several properties for sale which include the old U-Turn Café and Chase Bank. He will forward the board more information including the prices.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Parsons to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

**Yeas:** Hurray, Parsons, Kading, Herrman, Truesdell, Crocker, Woerdehoff

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried.**

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Tom Woerdehoff, Secretary

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk/Recording Secretary