

City of Grosse Pointe Park
Planning Commission
Minutes
October 17, 2018

Roll Call

Present: Dan Clark, Jeff Graham, Fred Olds, Mike Fikany, Malik Goodwin, and David Gaskin.

Also Present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager and Dennis Levasseur, City Attorney.

Excused: Mayor Denner and Mark McCourt.

Minutes

Chairman Olds presented to the Board the minutes of September 19, 2018, for approval as presented.

Motion by Gaskin, supported by Goodwin to approve September 19, 2018 minutes as presented.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Master Plan Review

Chair of the Master Plan Committee, David Gaskin, presented a brief overview on the initial report for the City's Master Plan.

Gaskin noted he, along with Malik Goodwin, and Mike Fikany toured community and accompanying business districts with the City Manager to assess current business inventory and needs for possible improvements for the business districts.

Mr. Gaskin noted initial report will be placed upon the City website and a link provided to facilitate citizen input and suggestions on the same.

Dan Clark express appreciation for the draft report and expressed gratitude to Malik Goodwin who serves with himself on the Joint Mack Avenue Eastside Improvement District Task Force.

Malik noted the final Master Plan report could include a link for updated census data and recent Chamber Business Development report.

Members discussed issues related to traffic flow and Air BNBS. Discussed need to seek alternatives to Air BNBS within the business districts which is more compatible than that of our residential districts.

Discussed alternative to assist in district parking limitations.

Day Care – Jefferson Avenue

Amy Conti presented, with Jim Saros, a proposal to place a day care facility at Barrington and Jefferson Avenue. Ms. Conti noted it had been recommended she seek input on the matter from the Planning Commission.

She expressed the need for additional day care facilities in town, however, noted City Council recently turned down the variance request. She noted issues brought up included the Office Service District zoning, traffic flow on Jefferson and parking as the issues of concern.

Dan Clark noted that a need may exist however, having the day care off Jefferson within the Office Service District creates a need for a use variance as the site is outside the city business districts.

Jeff Graham suggested the Master Plan could be reviewed going forward to modify allowances within the Office Service District and possibly modify to be more in line with that of General Business Zoned Districts. He noted a day care would be a nice addition to the community.

Mike Fikany noted he like the idea of a day care also, noted the possibility of seeking an alternative location such as St. Clare of Montefalco space or even consider the Saros Agency's temporary quarters.

Jim Saros, noted the advantage of this site is the proximity to downtown and as the City could use a day care asked that the commission pass a motion recommending the Council approve of the request.

Dave Gaskin noted parking in his assessment is a lesser concern that the location off of Jefferson and the safety of drop-off and pick-up for children during peak drive times and impact on bus services and peak traffic flow backups, however he did approve the concept of a day care for the community.

Ms. Conti noted she would seek to provide pick-up and drop-off services through staff bringing children to vehicles upon arrival to limit times for loading and unloading.

Malik noted he sees a need for additional day care services and appreciated Ms. Conti's efforts.

Fred Olds noted, in his opinion, the matter should be returned to the City Council for additional consideration. Further indicated he would be uncomfortable providing any formal recommendation as the City Council had previously turned down the request.

Dave Gaskin indicated his concurrence and that the sense of the Planning Commission is the issue bears further consideration. He moved that the issue be given further consideration by the City Council. All members agreed.

With no further business meeting adjourned.