

CITY OF CLARKSTON
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
June 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M., Clarkston City Hall, Chair Murray
ROLL CALL: Bob Gilbertson, Jim Merrill
John Murray
Staff: Jim Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting were approved 3 to 0 on a motion by MURRAY/GILBERTSON with the following changes. Last paragraph, first page "It was then decided by a 4 to 0 vote to conduct the required public hearing on the new matrix on June 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM." It also mentions in two locations where the changed Service Commercial zones were not identified very well and the two locations should be identified as those Service Commercial zones lying south of Maple Street. Voting record should be identified in the paragraph describing the RV Hardship Variance, where approval of the language passed with a three to one vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to the Zoning Code, Establishing a New Zone called Neighborhood Commercial (NC) and Adding NC to the Zoning Matrix, Also Changes to the Hardship Exception for Recreational Vehicles.

Opening the public hearing, Chairman Murray summarized what had occurred throughout the process of the matrix update and orally presented a summary provided by staff that listed the additions, omissions, new definitions including that for the new zone Neighborhood Commercial and all the allowable uses for that new zone. Public testimony was then invited. Alice White requested an explanation of what the zone designations meant on the hand out. Murray clarified. Ivan Olson of 1106 Fair Street requested confirmation that marijuana sales could only occur in the 1000 block of Bridge Street and the 700 blocks of 5th and 6th Streets. He has identified only a couple buildings that could be used and wanted to know who the owners of those buildings were. It was pointed out that ownership could be checked at the Assessor's office at the County. Melisa Welter representing "EPIC" thanked the Commission for all of the hard work done on the update of the matrix and requested the Planning Commission recommend a ban on retail, production and processing to the Council and let them make the decision on marijuana. Murray explained that a ban was not part of the action that was in front of them at this time but her testimony would be going to the City Council. PWD Martin gave testimony that he had been approached by a business owner in the vicinity of 5th and Highland that supported the newly proposed Neighborhood Commercial as it may prove beneficial to them in the future. Hearing was closed at 6:20 PM.

PWD Martin explained how the process proceeds.

REGULAR BUSINESS: No business...

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No business...

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Public, Alice White questioned whether the hardship for RV's would still apply to construction and was included in the proposed changes. It had been very helpful to them in their construction project. She also pointed out the shortage of good rentals and landlords in our area.
- B. Written, N/A
- C. From Planning Commission, N/A
- D. Staff Reports, PWD Martin explained that the process of the matrix update will be moving forward and the next meeting was planned for the 21st of July to review the finding of fact.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. MURRAY / MERRILL with 3-0 vote to approve.