

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego Planning Commission was held on Monday, February 26, 2024; 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Milhiem called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Gary Trobeck, Ben Dotterer, Ron Jaeck, Stacey Withee, Wayne Rayburn, Ric Saucedo and City Manager Mitchell. Absent: Jayson Ennis.

Member Withee moved to excuse Member Ennis, seconded by Member Rayburn. CARRIED.

On a motion by Member Trobeck, seconded by Member Mitchell, the January 22, 2024, minutes will stand as submitted.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

III. CONSIDERATIONS:

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Lori Costello, of PCI gave a detailed update on the Master Plan survey results and responses. A discussion took place regarding how to get information from the young adults in our community in regards to what they will want to see in five to twenty-five years from now. The Easter Egg Hunt event was discussed as a potential event to ask for input from the children and parents. Various other avenues to seek input were discussed.

Ms. Costello highlighted that the survey results and the housing study confirm that more housing is needed. She briefly touched on the various ways communities allow for more housing through changes to their zoning ordinances. Member Mitchell commented that most of the City is fully developed.

An open discussion took place with the Planning Commission, audience, and Ms. Costello. Ms. Costello answered various questions regarding different potential types of housing. Member City Manager Mitchell briefly explained the difference between the Master Plan and the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Costello will leave the "Housing Chapter" open-ended at this time, in order to receive more information and input from the Planning Commission. She asked if the City had a Mission Statement. City Manager Mitchell stated that the City had just adopted a new motto and mission statement. She will review the mission statement. She commented that at the March meeting it can be discussed when to organize a "community meeting" either in the form of a Public Hearing or an informational meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Fouch, 359 W Franklin – he stated that Otsego is basically a single-family town that is land locked. He voiced his concerns and why he began coming to the Planning Commission

Meetings. He asked the Planning Commission if their silence means they all agree. He stated that he encouraged discussion. He gave suggestions on how to collect information.

Nick Breedveld, 1101 Barton – he commented on the parking in the downtown and stated that he does not see it changing. He asked if he could get a copy of the report. City Manager Mitchell gave him a copy of the report.

At this time, an open discussion took place between the Planning Commission, the audience, and Ms. Costello.

Mike R. Bush, 719 Clara – he asked if the Master Plan included the downtown infrastructure to be eliminated.

A brief discussion took place regarding historical buildings.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Member Mitchell seconded by Member Jaeck.

CARRIED – 8:11 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC City Clerk