

**VILLAGE OF CALUMET PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL  
340 SIXTH STREET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 – AG3/3/2022**

**Present:** Chair Colleen Kobe, Commissioners Pete Hahn, Chris Green, Virginia Dwyer and Andrew Ranville

**Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Amber Goodman, Manager

**Public:** Thirteen members of the public at various time periods

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Kobe called the meeting to order at 5:36pm, and recited the pledge.

Attendance Roll Call Conducted by Chair Kobe

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Absent: None

**II. Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by Commissioner Ranville and seconded by Commissioner Hahn to accept the agenda.

Discussion on the extension on the amount of time allowed to individuals to speak. Extensions will be granted at the Chairs discretion.

Motion Passed-5/0

**III. Agenda**

**A. Emails, Letters and Petitions from the Public**

*8 members of the public spoke, one verbal phone conversation notes, and eight letters from the public.*

Written Comments read into the record by Commissioner Hahn and Ranville.

1. Phone conversation notes read about concern over short term rentals. Upset that any public body should be able to determine business to occur at a private property.
2. Letter read from a resident and home owner in the Village of Calumet. Recommendation of less restrictive than more than restricted planning. Letter addressed about the history of the village and historic mix use. Recommendation that short-term vacation rentals should be allowed in any

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district. Several reasons listed in support of short-term rentals and the free market system.

3. Letter from Christina Hahn and co-owner of property within the Village of Calumet. Letter expression of thanks and support of the proposed zoning ordinance.
4. Letter Clarification 5.5.5 Prohibited Signs. Questions on: does this ordinance include interior signs visible outside? Specifically, the barber pole in my front window? Clarification requested for H. Pole-or pylon-mounted signs, except associated with the installation of an approved billboard sign. My Barber pole is technically “pole mounted”.
5. Letter read from resident and owner of multiple properties in Keweenaw Peninsula. Support expressed for new zoning regulation, to help to spur housing that all of the community will enjoy.
6. Letter read supporting approving flexible residential. Request to consider the businesses in the area and history of mixed use.
7. Letter read supporting housing as flexible residential in Calumet, and written support of proposed zoning. Located across from the commercial district.
8. Letter read supporting investment in the Village of Calumet. Corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Pine is not ideal for residential and changing it to flexible residential more realistic options.
9. Letter read in relationship to RRC status.
10. Member of the public spoke, identified themselves as Jonathan Pressel, has owned house for 24 years and served on council previously. Spoke about Mail order business out of a house without rezoning involved. The house has been used as a business and valuable asset to the Village.
11. Member of the public spoke, identified themselves as Leah Polzien, speaking on the behalf of Main Street. Asked for an update to the lighting section of the document that limits when lighting is allowed in the downtown district. Also identified that projecting signs in current zoning listed as 12 ft, and proposed zoning document as 8 ft clearance. Requested that barber pole be allowed in the signage. Recommended that changes to the limits to residential units in the downtown district.

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12. Member of the public spoke, identified themselves as Morteon Haugland.  
AG3/3/2022 Spoke about supporting growth of long-term residents within the Village, and support of the current project on 5<sup>th</sup> street. The current plan is being shifted to include long term residents and requests being allowed to have three long term rental apartments.
13. Member of the public spoke, identified themselves as Christine Herman, resident and business owner of SuperNova Gallery and Gifts. Asked that the Planning Commission consider a vacation rental as part of the proposed zoning documents. The vacation rentals serve to allow people from other areas to enjoy this community. *Removed Space AG 3/3/2022*

Discussion from the planning commission about Airbnb short term rentals and the process of creating an ordinance to address this at the Village Council level. Recommended that people attend the Village Calumet Village Council meeting.

14. Member of the public spoke, identified themselves as Rebecca Glotfelty, Real People Media. Questions on Articles 2.3 page 14, instead of the strictest interpretation should be applied when conflict between ordinances, asked that it is a case-by-case base instead. 2.7 Section C. Public property shall not be damaged, recommend wording change to property. 2.7 Section D. Questions on cases in which the principal structure burns down, would the home owner be required to remove the remaining accessory dwelling? Accessory dwellings may be historical. Construction standards and Occupancy – Notes that people within the community have exceeded this time frame. Lots Adjoining Alleys – Notes a typo in the document. How to determine if the alley is abandoned by the Village, and doesn't recommend adjoining these alleys with property of building. Encourage the Village to maintain the alleyways. Solar Installations – shall not be facing the right-way. Questions on the wording of this and maintaining the function of the solar panels. Donation Bins – State without, and at this point states with. Public Use – request that the street department move to another area on Pine. 5.5 Window signs, three feet back from the window and only take up 20% of the window space, instead should be on a case-by-case basis. Large temp signs may be prohibited. Recommended revision to the sign area of the document.
15. Member of the public spoke about sending in comments after the meeting.
16. Member of the public spoke, identified themselves as Pam Que born and raised in the Keweenaw, has recently moved back after living down states. Ask that 306 8<sup>th</sup> be rezoned as flexible residential. Spoke about the

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community. Planning Commission noted that the whole block is flexible residential on the proposed zoning document.

17. Member of the public spoke about being a part of the community.

Discussion on ordinances that need to be in place with the proposed Zoning Ordinance to include short term rentals. Encouragement to the public to attend the Village Council Meetings.

**B. Upcoming Meetings:**

The next special meeting will take place after the Public Hearing. This meeting will be to discuss any edits to the new Zoning Ordinance before submission to the Council.

Special Planning Commission Meeting to occur on Friday, February 4, at 3:30pm to discuss the public hearing and changes to the proposed zoning document.

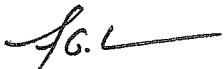
Next Regular: Planning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 5:30pm

**C. Adjourn**

Moved by Commissioner Dywer and seconded by Commissioner Ranville to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Motion Passed-5/0

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Goodman  
Manager