

CALUMET VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWNHALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 – 5:30 PM

Present: Chair Mark Riggins; Commissioners: Que, Green, Ryan

Absent: Commissioner Hahn, Manager Haselden

Present from the Public: None

I. Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Riggins called the meeting to order at 5:37pm; all in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Petitions from the Public

Chair Riggins brought up trash service issues that Village Residents have brought to his attention. Commissioner Que reported that the Village Council is aware of this complaint and that this is an issue that would run directly through Council. Commissioner Green stated that trash is something that may be brought up with the PC in regards to the Master Plan review and updates.

Commissioner Que and Ryan provided info on the Redevelopment Ready Community Summit that KEDA was presenting. Information related to the Master Planning process and that we are working towards becoming certified through the MEDC on the RRC certification. Commissioners Que/Ryan recommended that all Commissioners attend the third summit meeting on May 15th.

III. Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Que made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Ryan. Motion passed 4/0.

IV. Agenda

1. Emails, Letters, Notices from the Public

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None

2. Approve April 13, 2023 PC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Chair Riggins to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Motion passed 4/0.

3. Planning Commission as Zoning Commission:

i. Sign Permit, Eva's Hideaway

Discussion was had on whether Planning Commission needs to approve the sign permit and defer to Manager Haselden.

4. New Business:

i. Master Plan Update

Discussion was had on reviewing information from other municipalities for Master Plan and Ordinance updates. Attention on consistency in language used across Village documents as continued work on the Master Plan and Ordinances occurs. Commissioners discussed that the Master Plan will be a standing agenda item each month, with the Commissioners reviewing the Plan in sections.

ii. Marijuana Ordinance Needs

Discussion. Commissioner Que is recommending that this be added to the agenda for the June meeting for all Commissioners to review the Houghton Ordinance and the laws on the distance of a dispensary. Commissioners agree to review the ordinances, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency, etc.

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iii. Short-Term Rentals

Discussion on possible annual permits and other solutions, including the court case in Marquette on limiting short-term rentals. Discussion on possibly creating a spreadsheet with how short-terms are handled across the municipalities in the region as well as an Inventory of property types in the Village. Commissioners would like to suggest to the Council that the Village add a request for voluntary registration of their properties.

V. Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Que, seconded by Commissioner Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm.

Motion passed 3/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Haselden, Village Manager