

GLADWIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
May 25, 2021

The Gladwin City Planning Commission met in regular session May 25, 2021 in the Gladwin City Park. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Darlington.

Commissioners present: Clayton, Darlington, King, Czape, Mienk, English, Wendell and Gutierrez.

Commissioners absent: David.

Also present: Zoning Administrator Weaver, Councilperson Bodnar and Mayor Jungman.

Motion by Wendell, supported by Mienk to approve the meeting minutes of April 27, 2021 as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

A request from Gary DeShano was reviewed. Mr. DeShano wished to ask for a waiver from sidewalk and hard surface driveway installation at a proposed building site on Clendening Road. Discussion.

Commissioner David entered the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Further discussion regarding sidewalk installation and hard surface drives. Motion by Clayton, supported by Czape to deny the request as another piece of sidewalk in that area would further link current walkways almost to Spring / Clendening which receives a great deal of foot traffic and paved drives prevent the breakdown of the edges of paved roads. All ayes. Motion carried.

A lot split request was presented from John Schumacher (owner) by Zoning Administrator Weaver. The current owner wishes to split off the parcel for sale to the McGuires for residential home construction. A motion was made by David, supported by English to recommend the parcel split to the City Council as all proposed lot sizes and proposed setbacks conformed to the zoning ordinance and the parcel split complied with the Lands Division Act. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Darlington reviewed the synopsis of the mural committee's meeting and recommendations to the Planning Commission. Discussion regarding recent court cases researched by Commissioner King as well as what constitutes "content".

Weaver updated the commissioners on resolved and pending non-compliance issues and a possible Zoning Board of Appeals case.

Chairperson Darlington adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.


Bernadette Weaver, Recording Secretary

Mural Subcommittee Meeting Summary

April, Thursday 22, 2021

In Attendance: Jeff Zettel, Chiara King, Carol Darlington, and Chris Shannon

Guest: Joe Myers

Absent: Tom Mienk

Subcommittee members had been provided with several items prior to the meeting:

- Information from West Branch mural creator Dave Wiley – He favors painting on something that is removeable, so touch-ups and re-location / re-use of murals is possible. He provided a detailed description of paint types, media, etc. West Branch murals are depicting the area's history. Wiley created a large mural in Harbor Beach which took 3 years to produce but it has been up 30 years with only one repair after 25 years.
- Information from the City of Standish - the large picture/mural on the building at the southwest corner of '23 and '61 (at the light). It is a sepia toned photo of the old locomotive from their archives. The material is like the fabric vehicle wrap and it can be taken down and rolled up for storage.

Both cities said the reason they went the route they did was that they wanted something that could be removed if it needed repair. They avoided painting DIRECTLY on the buildings as it can easily become unsightly, normally when it does the person / persons responsible are no longer around.

- Jaynie Hoerauf (Gladwin & Clare City Attorney) said that Clare has been drafting a major overhaul of their sign ordinance, many revisions have taken place. At the time of the meeting, they had not approved a new sign ordinance.
- Planning Commissioner and Mural Committee Member Chiara King provided the committee with the court case of Reed vs. Gilbert. The city of Gilbert, AZ was sued over content restrictions on a sign. The ruling went all the way to the Supreme Court – the ruling was that Gilbert could not control the content of the signage.

There was a lengthy conversation regarding the Reed vs. Gilbert ruling. Committee members voiced concern about the possibility of offensive content being put up in the City. Neither the City Council, City Administration, DDA, or any other governmental body would have control over the content. After much discussion and thought, the recommendation from the committee is to continue to support the current ordinance. **Under prohibited signs section 603, 11.e: Signs painted directly on structures, or signs painted on, attached, or affixed to any tree, rock, or similar organic or inorganic natural matter.** This ordinance does not allow murals or wall signs to be erected in the City of Gladwin, **the committee makes the recommendation to support section 603, 11.e as stated.**

Summary compiled by Planning Commissioner Darlington