

City of Gladwin Planning Commission
January 22, 2019

The Planning Commission met in regular session January 22, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chair Darlington at 5:15 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present; Stout, Emeott, Darlington, English, Clayton, Auer, David.

Commissioners absent; Wendell and Czape.

Also present; Zoning Administrator Weaver, Mayor Jungman, Councilwoman Bodnar, Scott Hawblitzel, Chris Shannon City Administrator.

A motion was made by Stout with support by Clayton to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2018 meeting. All ayes.

Chris Shannon introduced himself to the commissioners and they to him.

Weaver introduced discussion of a possible change to the sign section of the zoning ordinance, Section 602, 6.a.4.f. It has been brought to the commission's attention that the wording about additional wall signs per exposed walls would possibly allow much larger signs than what was intended when this section of the ordinance was prepared.

Weaver will consult planner Doug Piggot regarding language for allowing up to 10% of exposed wall area with a maximum of 150 square feet. The 150 square feet will be the aggregate for all tenants occupying a building.

Motion by Auer supported by David to set a public hearing for the changes at the next regular scheduled meeting on February 26, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow.

The issue of nonconforming signs was brought up and Weaver said the blight enforcement officer will issue tickets as needed and work directly with the city attorney for resolution.

Updates from Weaver were as follows:

The firm of Beckett and Raeder's proposal to update the master plan was accepted at the City Council meeting January 21, 2019. The proposal does include an update of the zoning plan and preparation of a vision for marketing the top 3 properties identified as ready for development, and a review of the zoning ordinance. The city will pay \$5,000 and Rising Tide will pay the remaining cost.

A committee consisting of Weaver, Darlington, David, Shannon and Frey will meet to work on the Public Participation Plan. The Plan is a requirement for communities to receive the Redevelopment Ready Community designation. The first meeting will be March 29.

It is also time to review the Capital Improvement Plan. The committee for that task will be composed of Weaver, Darlington, Stout and Clayton. The first meeting will be Friday, February 8 at 9 am.

Commissioners English and Czape will present a summary of the information they have gathered about ordinances allowing or banning food trucks, with the reasons for such actions.

The regular meeting on March 26 will also be the annual joint meeting of the City Council, Planning Commission, Parks Commission to which the DDA is also invited.

Information regarding the Renewable Energy Summit was discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan David
Secretary