

1 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING: City of Pontiac Zoning
2 Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes on Monday, December 21,
3 2020, via Zoom.

4 COMMISSIONERS: Chair Laurie Bishop
5 Sam Anderson
6 Reginald Hayes
7 Claudia Buckley
8 Joseph Sinclair (arrived late)
9 Elcine Kirkendolph

10 FROM THE CITY: Donovan Smith, City Planner

11 CHAIR BISHOP CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT ABOUT 6:01 P.M.

12 ROLL CALL:

13 PRESENT: Chair Bishop, Comm. Anderson, Comm. Hayes,
14 Comm. Buckley, Comm. Kirkendolph

15 Mr. Smith reported a quorum present.

16 COMMUNICATIONS: None.

17 MINUTES FOR REVIEW: 11-16-20

18 COMM. HAYES MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES

19 COMM. BUCKLEY SECONDED

20 VOTE: AYES: Buckley, Hayes, Bishop
21 Anderson, Kirkendolph

22 NAYS: None.

23 ABSTAIN: None.

24 Vote 5-0-0 motion carries.

25 OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF 2021 MEETING CALENDAR:

COMM. SINCLAIR ENTERED AND WAS WELCOMED TO THE MEETING.

1 COMM. SINCLAIR MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 2021 CALENDAR.

2 COMM. ANDERSON SECONDED.

3 VOTE: AYES: Sinclair, Buckley, Hayes,
Anderson, Kirkendolph, Bishop

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NAYS: None.

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ABSTAIN: None.

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Vote 6-0-0 motion carries.

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8 MR. SMITH ADVISED THE BOARD THAT HE WILL BE PRESENTING A
YEAR-END REPORT FOR THIS AN OTHER BOARDS. HE THEN ASKED THE
9 BOARD IF THEY WERE INTERESTED IN BRINGING ANYTHING BEFORE
THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR ANY PARTICULAR TRAINING.

10 COMM. ANDERSON INQUIRED IF ANYBODY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE GOING
TO DO WITH THE PHOENIX CENTER.

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12 MR. SMITH INDICATED THAT THE MAYOR HAD A HAND IN THAT AND
THAT HE WILL BRING SOMETHING TO THE MEETING IN JANUARY.

13 COMM. SINCLAIR STATED THAT HE CAN GIVE IT TO THE BOARD THIS
EVENING. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE HEDGE FUND THAT WAS
14 SUPPOSED TO FUND THAT DEAL IS NO LONGER ABLE TO.

15 CHAIR BISHOP INQUIRED IF HE WAS TALKING ABOUT DEARBORN, LLC.

16 COMM. SINCLAIR AFFIRMED. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE'S BEEN
MEETING WITH THE MAYOR SINCE BEFORE MOTHER'S DAY, WHO HAS
17 SOME OPTIONS THAT SHE AND OTHERS THINK ARE GOOD OPTIONS AND
THAT HE HOPES THE MAYOR MEETS WITH THE GERS BOARD WHO HAS
18 THE FINANCING.

19 COMM. HAYES INQUIRED IF THE PHOENIX CENTER INCLUDED THE
ENTERTAINMENT PORTION OF IT, THE REHAB OR THE TOTAL PACKAGE.

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21 COMM. SINCLAIR RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE BUYING THE ENTIRE
BUILDING, PARKING STRUCTURE AND THE TWO TOWERS.

22 MR. SMITH INDICATED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT PERDUE SCHOOL IS
COUPLED WITH IT.

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24 COMM. SINCLAIR AFFIRMED AND STATED PERDUE AND JEFFERSON.
HE ALSO STATED THAT THE FUNDING SHOULD COME FROM GERS
BECAUSE THEY'RE 500 MILLION OVER FUNDING AND IT MAKES NO
25 SENSE TO GO OUTSIDE THE CITY. HE THEN INQUIRED WHEN AMAZON

1 WOULD BE COMPLETED.

2 MR. SMITH ANSWERED THAT THE FIRST, SMALLER BUILDING SHOULD
3 BE COMPLETED AND, IN THE FALL OF NEXT YEAR, THE SECOND ONE
4 SHOULD BE DONE.

5 COMM. KIRKENDOLPH MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.

6 COMM. ANDERSON SECONDED.

7 VOTE: AYES: Kirkendolph, Buckley, Sinclair,
8 Anderson, Hayes, Bishop

9 NAYS: None.

10 ABSTAIN: None.

11 Vote 6-0-0 motion carries.

12 ADJOURNMENT: 6:14 P.M.

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