

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MARQUETTE CITY PLANNING
COMMISSION
March 19th, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Marquette City Planning Commission was duly called and held at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online [here](#).

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission (PC) members present: W. Premeau, M. Rayner, K. Clegg, S. Lawry, D. Fetter, Chair S. Mittlefehldt.

PC Members absent: C. Gottlieb

Staff present: Zoning Official A. Landers, City Planner & Zoning Administrator D. Stensaas

AGENDA

It was moved by M. Rayner, seconded by K. Clegg, and carried 6-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES

The minutes of 02-06-24 were approved as presented.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest stated.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

M. Rayner stated that she would like to nominate S. Mittlefehldt to continue to be Chair.

It was moved by M. Rayner, seconded by S. Lawry and approved 6-0 for S. Mittlefehldt to serve as Chair until the next elections, in 2025.

It was moved by S. Mittlefehldt, seconded by D. Fetter and approved 6-0 for K. Clegg to serve as Vice-Chair until the next elections, in 2025.

B. Presentation – Cultural Trail Project

Tiina Morin, City of Marquette Arts and Culture Division Manager, provided a slideshow presentation and spoke to it for about 40 minutes. The presentation covered the genesis of the Cultural Trail Project at the Karl Zuger overlook at Father Marquette/Lakeside Park, the purpose of the project in honoring and preserving Marquette's diverse history and cultural heritage, the scope of the seven-mile ADA accessible multi-use pathway project that will connect twelve selected sites on the waterfront between the mouth of the Carp River and Presque Isle Park, grants acquired and the consulting team that has been engaging stakeholders and preparing development plans for the project, and the Seven Grandfathers statuary project that will be placed adjacent to the new boat launch/pier in the lower harbor.

Planning Commission members asked questions about connectivity via City streets to and from the Cultural Trail, intentions of planning and budgeting for long-term maintenance of all planned facilities, and phasing of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were provided.

WORK SESSION

A. Land Development code 2024 Amendments

The Planning commission and staff continued work on a comprehensive update to the Land Development Code (LDC) by discussing several items from the LDC that staff has annotated and prepared for amendments. The items discussed were:

- Definitions, both amended and new.
- Amending Section 54.905 to clarify maneuvering lanes for angle parking of 75-90 degrees applies to both one-way and two-way lanes. Staff will also update the graphic used in the document.
- Amending Sections 54.403 and 54.616 to eliminate the requirement for a specific separation distance between multi-family buildings, and replacing that with the requirement for the applicant to submit preliminary or final site plans that comply with the separation distance that is required by the Michigan Building Code and Fire Safety regulations, as it applies to the specific proposal.
- New Section 54.647 - Specific Use standards for Solar Energy Systems (SES) of 20kW to 2MW of generating capacity.
- Amendment of Section 54.708 - Accessory Structure and General standards for Solar Energy Systems (SES) of less than 20 kW of generating capacity.
- Amendment of Section 54.710 to clarify regulations that apply to recreational vehicles stored in a rear yard area.
- Amendments of Section 54.1402 to clarify some development review procedures, and to address how the movement of buildings will be reviewed for approval after a site plan has been approved.

A consensus was reached on some of these issues and others will require more research and/or study.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. Landers provide information on the status of cases that are on the docket for the next two meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair S. Mittlefehldt at 8:15 p.m.

David Stensaas

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