



City of Marquette, MI

300 West Baraga Ave
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Meeting Agenda City Commission

WORK SESSION

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

5:15 PM

**Municipal Service Center, 1100
Wright Street**

Joint Work Session - Marquette City Commission and Planning Commission

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Present: Davis, Hanley, Larson, Mayer, Ottaway, Stonehouse
Absent: Smith

Announcements

The Mayor had no announcements.

Public Comments - Comments may not exceed three minutes per person. Please state your name and physical address when making public comments.

Margaret Brumm challenged the City Commission and Planning Commission to make LDC amendments that are functional and practical.

1. Draft Land Development Code Amendments and Future Community Planning Projects

Community Development Director, Dennis Stachewicz gave a brief overview, stating the proposed LDC amendments, which will be presented, address recommendations provided in the Ad-Hoc Housing Committee report. He then turned the meeting over to City Planner, Dave Stensaas.

Dave Stensaas presented to the Commission the proposed LDC amendments by highlighting a few main categories. He stated these amendments will better serve the needs of the community. The amendments would impact housing, allow new land uses which includes hostels, expands administrative oversight on site plan review, and removal of pole signs in the Central Business District.

Following the presentation discussion ensued. Questions were brought forth about the allowable zoning districts for hostels, with concerns surrounding residential areas. Other topics discussed were the increase in building heights in the Central Business District, accessory dwelling units, and the removal of pole signs to protect the historic heart of downtown.

Dennis Stachewicz closed the meeting with a brief summary of the next steps for the Community Master Planning process, which will involve gathering community opinion on three redevelopment sites. This would include an economic cost analysis on the community's desired redevelopments.

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Margaret Brumm congratulated the two Commissions for digging into the topics presented. She suggested City Code address the need to maintain abandoned buildings to prevent them from becoming blighted.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Cody O. Mayer, Mayor

Rachel Quayle, Deputy City Clerk

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