

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
MARQUETTE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
February 4, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Marquette City Planning Commission was duly called and held at 6:00p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. A video of this meeting is available on the City's website.

**ROLL CALL**

Planning Commission (PC) members present: W. Premeau, Vice Chair K. Clegg, M. Rayner, K. Hunter, J. Fitkin, Chair S. Mittlefehldt, D. Fetter, S. Lawry, A. Wilkinson.

PC Members absent: none

Staff present: City Planner and Zoning Administrator Dave Stensaas, Zoning Official Andrea Landers, Planning-Zoning Specialist Eric Paupore

**AGENDA**

*It was moved by K. Hunter, seconded by K. Clegg, and carried 9-0 to approve the agenda as presented.*

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the Jan. 7, 2025, meeting were approved by consent, with the requested correction of K. Hunter's surname in the roll call list.

**TRAINING**

**A. Article – Introducing the new Community Master Plan for the City of Marquette**

D. Stensaas said that he wrote this article for distribution by local media sources, and wanted to provide it to the Planning Commission before it was published. He said that a Mining Journal reporter said they would publish it, but that it would be truncated for space. He also said that he thought it was important to do some outreach since there were so many people who participated in the process and many of them probably didn't follow it to the end and don't know what became of the Plan or its contents and that getting that information out would be helpful. D. Stensaas said that if anyone else had any ideas on sharing it or wants to circulate it themselves they can.

M. Rayner said that staff should contact TV6. D. Stensaas said that he has an interview with them tomorrow, as they saw this in our agenda and called today to set up an interview.

S. Lawry said that he wanted to commend D. Stensaas on the article and for his effort, and that the media doesn't usually pick up on this kind of thing, but they should.

**WORK SESSION ON REPORTS/PLANS/ORDINANCES**

**A. Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments**

The Planning Commission and staff reviewed each of the draft LDC amendments in the agenda packet. Discussion on several items was fairly lengthy, particularly on proposed changes to the standards for landscaping and residential screening fences, and on clarifying what constitutes a mural and how signs may be used within murals. Decisions were made on proposed changes to all of the items, with the exception of the idea of increasing the maximum allowable height of ≥5-unit multi-family residential buildings, which was raised during the meeting.

## **COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

W. Premeau asked how the tradeoff to require an extra foot of setback distance for each extra foot of building height for large multi-family structures would be applied—to all setbacks, as with smaller multi-family buildings—or just the front setback. This question sparked more discussion of the issue, with the board members requesting that staff develop some options for their consideration at a future meeting.

D. Stensaas noted that as of the last meeting, there were five women serving as members of the Planning Commission, which is the first time that the majority of members were female. He also said that he provided information on training session pamphlets to a couple of the members, and he wants to get them signed up for the Planning-Zoning Essentials course, but that any of the members should consider taking the Risk Management course if they haven't had it yet, and that the City has funds budgeted to pay for the training. He also said that there will be a meeting in two weeks, at which there will be a presentation on the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and for some more review of LDC amendments.

S. Mittlefehldt thanked staff for providing the well-organized packet to guide their conversation, and that she was glad to be part of the historic milestone of the Planning Commission having a majority of women serving as members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair S. Mittlefehldt adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

David Stensaas

Prepared by D. Stensaas, City Planner and Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission Staff Liaison.