

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Present: Steve VanHouse
Richard DeRosier
Nelson French
Wade LeBlanc
Mike Johnson

Gary Thompson, Planning & Zoning Director
Tim Costley, City Attorney
David Drown, City Planner
Cole Ernest, Chief of Police

VanHouse called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Johnson, second LeBlanc to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes- Motion by DeRosier, second French to approve April 5, 2023 meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Administrators Report – One plumbing permit has been issued.

Communications – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

City Blight- Chief Ernest and Mayor LeBlanc led discussion on enforcing the problem of blight in Silver Bay. Per City Attorney, there is a procedure in place to enforce problem areas but he is currently drafting a new policy that will be presented to Planning and Zoning board at a future meeting. Discussion regarding definition of blight, vehicles and other items parked in front yards, hiring contractor to clean up abated properties and storage availability. Further discussion on fees, fines, timelines, hiring a Community Service Officer to enforce blight issues, abatements, and unpaid fines/fees being certified to taxes for payment. Consensus of board is to identify the major blight properties now and move forward with notifying property owners.

Shopping Center Zoning- Tabled for discussion at future meeting.

Downtown Design Concept- Drown provided an update regarding the design concepts. There has been a staff level meeting and recommendations for modifications given to architect. Once complete designs will be presented to business community and then public for comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson, second French to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson