

**City of Marine City
Planning Commission Meeting
December 10, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Marine City Planning Commission was held on Monday, December 10, 2012, in the Fire Hall, 200 South Parker Street, Marine City, Michigan, and was called to order by Chairperson David Simpson at 7:00 PM.

After observing a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Simpson.

Present: Chairperson Simpson; Commissioners Beauvais, Draft, Menchaca and Skwiers; Mayor Browne; City Manager Gabor; and, City Clerk Kade.

Absent: None

Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by Mayor Browne, to approve the Agenda, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by Commissioner Skwiers, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of September 10, 2012, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Communications

The following Communication was presented:

- SEMCO Energy – Public Improvement Projects Impacting SEMCO Energy Gas Facilities

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by Mayor Browne, to accept the Communication, and place it on file. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

There were no residents present to address the Commission.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Capital Improvement Program ~ Discussion

Chairperson Simpson recapped the Planning Commission's role in the planning and prioritizing of capital improvement projects by the City of Marine City; and, the adoption of a Capital Improvement Program no later than the second Monday in April. He presented a list of capital improvement projects and costs listed in the City's current Comprehensive Master Plan, as follows:

▪ Downtown River Walk Construction – Phase 2	\$ 381,090
▪ Downtown River Walk Construction – Phase 3	\$ 367,730
▪ Broadway Park Expansions	\$ 886,240
▪ Nautical Mile Park Expansion	\$ 364,900
▪ Ward Street Bicycle Path Construction	\$ 550,440
▪ Development of Industrial Park	\$ 550,000
▪ Sewer and Water Expansion / Plank Road Expansion	\$???
▪ Water Main Replacement	\$ 150,000
▪ 300 Broadway Restoration	\$2,500,000
▪ Sidewalk Improvement Plan	\$???
▪ Belle River Marine Land Acquisition	\$1,600,000

Chairperson Simpson said that this was a six-year plan.

Commissioner Skwiers commented that the Master Plan needed to support the project on its list in order to move forward with grants.

Chairperson Simpson agreed and said they needed to update the list. He suggested removing the development of an industrial park from the list.

Commissioner Skwiers suggested that a Brownfield Development should be on the list with the possibility of developing the property behind Mariner's Landing Condominiums. She also suggested a fast food restaurant on Ward Street if the land was developed.

Discussion ensued regarding determining a Brownfield Development location, sidewalks on King Road, and the expansion of the Nautical Mile Park.

Chairperson Simpson commented that there was very little the City could do because of funding; but, noted that the list was non-binding and just a recommendation to the City Commission.

City Manager Gabor identified some scheduled projects, as well as proposed projects:

- Paving projects – South Belle River Road, North Belle River Road, South Main Street, West Boulevard
- Water Main Replacements – to be an ongoing project
- Buildings & Construction – City Hall, Lighthouse, and Water Works
- Parks
 - . King Road Parks / Equipment
 - . Waterfront Park Expansion
 - . Beach Improvements
 - . Skate Park
 - . Splash Pad
 - . Gazebos – King Road Park & Heritage Square

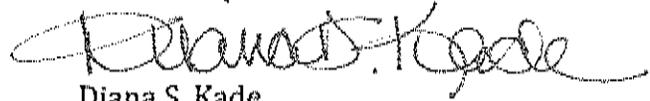
City Manager Gabor recommended leaving the land acquisition for a marina as a capital improvement project because it does not cost anything to leave it in the plan. He also noted that Marine City had been making steady improvements since 2008.

Chairperson Simpson concluded that their next step would be to create a concise and final list, with pricing. He asked that everyone be ready with their lists at the next scheduled meeting in order to prioritize a six-year snapshot of capital improvement project recommendations.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Draft, seconded by Mayor Browne, to adjourn at 7:30 PM. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana S. Kade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diana S. Kade
City Clerk