

**City of Marine City  
Planning Commission Meeting  
August 13, 2012**

*Prior to the meeting being called to order, Commissioners David Simpson and Rosalie Skwiers were sworn into office by City Clerk Diana Kade.*

A regular meeting of the Marine City Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 13, 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; and, City Clerk Kade.**

**Absent: City Manager Gabor**

**Appoint Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson**

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by Commissioner Draft, to appoint Commissioner David Simpson as Chairperson of the Planning Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to appoint Commissioner Howard Draft as Vice-Chairperson of the Planning Commission. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**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 Mayor Browne, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Planning Commissioner Meeting of May 14, 2012, as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **Communications**

The following Communication was presented:

- Resignation from Donna Tebeau

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 to address the Commission.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### ***Partners in Planning***

Chairperson Simpson reported that he had attended *Partners in Planning* in May, sponsored by the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and provided a brief update. He stated that these workshops would be offered quarterly with open dialog and topics to assist local communities with planning and zoning matters. Chairperson Simpson said Marine City had recently been named as one of only two Brownfield Core Communities in St. Clair County; and, that the County had received grant monies for Brownfield projects.

Commissioner Skwiers inquired as to eligible Brownfield properties in Marine City other than the old Detroit Gasket property.

Mayor Browne responded that they had been compiling information and should have something to report in a couple of months.

### ***Capital Improvements Program***

*Resolution No. 020-12 established a 6-year Capital Improvement Program, which shall be adopted annually by the Planning Commission each April, beginning with the 2013/2014 budget year.*

Chairperson Simpson reiterated that the Planning Commission was required to prepare a Capital Improvements Program of public structures and improvements. He referred to the Master Plan which spoke of the implementation and creation of a Capital Improvements Program and provided a proposed list of recommended projects. He noted that the City was not in a financial position to tackle some of the larger projects and suggested that they look at park improvements.

Mayor Browne also stated that the money was not there, and said funding sources widely varied. He said that the proposed industrial park project should be placed at the bottom of the list.

Chairperson Simpson asked that the City Manager provide the Planning Commission with a list prioritizing projects recommended by the City's Department Heads.

Commissioner Draft agreed that funding was the biggest issue.

Mayor Browne recommended that utilizing Brownfield funds should be the Number One priority.

Commissioner Skwiers said she wanted to see the implementation of Safe Routes to School for kids walking to and from the schools, and said she would secure some information.

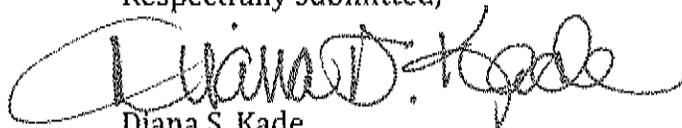
Commissioner Simpson responded that, although it was a fantastic idea and needed, the project needed to be broader.

There was no action taken.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Menchaca, seconded by Commissioner Skwiers, to adjourn at 7:18 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 large initial "D" and "K".

Diana S. Kade  
City Clerk