

STUDY SESSION MINUTES TRAVERSE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY July 15, 2014

7:30 P.M.

Commission Chambers

Governmental Center, 2nd Floor

400 Boardman Avenue

Traverse City, Michigan 49684

PRESENT: Vice-Chairperson Jody Bergman, Commissioners Jeanine Easterday, Janet Fleshman, Cecil McNally, Chairperson John Serratelli, Bill Twietmeyer, Janice Warren, and Tim Werner

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Dow

STAFF PRESENT: Russ Soyring, Planning Director; Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering Assistant; Tim Lodge, City Engineer

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Serratelli at 7:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Chairperson Serratelli announced that the August 19, 2014 Study Session will be cancelled.

4. **WEST FRONT STREET STREETScape CONCEPTS (DISCUSSION)**

Mr. Soyring explained that the Commission already approved the West Front Street Bridge Replacement project (that included the streetscape) for consistency with the Master Plan on 3/18/14. However, now that the project is in design, there are some additional concepts that staff would like input from the Commission on. If the decision is to change the project from what was already approved, then a motion will be required at the August 5 meeting.

Mr. Lodge explained that the rendering by Dave Weston was what was approved in March. The City has engaged the services of Nate Elkins, Influence Design Forum, to explore several alternative concepts for consideration by the Commission.

Mr. Elkins gave a brief presentation and presented four options to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Easterday left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Commissioner Easterday returned at 7:54 p.m.

Commission discussion.

The following made public comments on the subject:

- Sandy Cartwright- 607 N Elmwood Ave, made general comments
- Adrienne Rossi, 312 W 7th Street, made general comments

5. OVERNIGHT PARKING (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Soyring introduced the topic and stated that the City Manager requested that the Planning Commission discuss the topic due to its land use impact. Mr. Soyring included parking restrictions in Traverse City and other communities in the packet for information.

Commission discussion included willingness to try a temporary or trial overnight parking period or extending the on-street permit system. Discussion included exploring the existing street permit system that is in place on Railroad Ave and Cedar Street. If the city decides to move forward with overnight parking, discussion included keeping the overnight parking rules simple and not confusing like it tends to be in university cities. Discussion included questions about boat/RV/motor home storage on the street. Some Commissioners questioned the need for overnight parking in general and wondered if there is currently a problem that needs to be solved.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

7. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

8-5-14

Jan Warren, Secretary

