

MINUTES
TRAVERSE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Study Session

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2016

7:30 P.M.

TRAINING ROOM

Governmental Center, 2nd Floor
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** Chairperson Serratelli called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Luick called roll for the Planning Commission.

PRESENT: Commissioners Janet Fleshman, Gary Howe, Vice-Chairperson Linda Koebert, Ross Richardson, Chairperson John Serratelli, Jim Tuller, Jan Warren and Camille Weatherholt

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Dow

STAFF: Russ Soyring, Planning Director; Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering Assistant

3. **STATE STREET TRAFFIC CALMING (Discussion)**

Mr. Soyring indicated that the Planning Commission found that State Street reconstruction project was approved from a Master Plan level in terms of location, character and extent in September 2014. At that time, the approval was based on the project incorporating traffic calming elements. The Engineering Department designed the street reconstruction with narrower street width (32' wide to 30' wide), proposed traffic calming at the intersections including a neck down at Railroad Avenue and traffic circles at Franklin and Wellington Streets; however, upon review by the Fire Department and Streets Department, the traffic circle designs were altered due to emergency response and maintenance vehicle concerns.

Draft Engineering drawings of the proposed street reconstruction project were distributed.

Mr. Soyring wanted the Planning Commission to be aware of the changes.

Mr. Lodge addressed the Commission.

Commission discussion.

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Commission discussion included that the proposed raised traffic islands likely would not calm traffic and their use was questioned.

Commission consensus is to have a future study session discussion related to traffic calming. Discussion should be related to constraints, possible "menu" of traffic calming elements and possible policy recommendation. In addition, any metrics available for comparison data related to "before and after" traffic calming implementation. Where have we implemented traffic calming techniques and is it working?

4. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION (Discussion)

Mr. Soyring announced that the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was distributed to each Commissioner at the February 2, 2016 regular meeting. He noted that we do not have the available funding to do all of the projects in the plan and shifting of projects based on funds available will take place as the City Treasurer's Office and City Manager's Office critically review the CIP over the next several weeks.

Mr. Soyring presented to the Commission.

Tim Lodge, Rob Bacigalupi, Marty Colburn and Missy Luick presented projects to the Commission.

Commission discussion and comment.

The following made public comment on the topic:

- Carol Hale, 240 Washington Street #12, made comments regarding adding the Boardman River embankment improvement to CIP

The CIP will be on the Planning Commission's agenda on March 1, 2016 to set a public hearing and April 5, 2016 to hold a public hearing for consideration of its approval.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

6. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

March 1, 2016

Janet Fleshman
Janet Fleshman, Secretary