

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission
Minutes of Work Session
November 7, 2019

Present: Dailey, Friedrich, Hoenig, Horgan, Irwin, Liesch, Ortman, Rise.

Absent: Kostrzewa.

Staff: Kain, Murphy

A: Two-Family Dwelling Standards

Kain reviewed the regulatory history for two-family dwellings in the City. Kain provided information on the number of existing units, the year built or converted, information regarding regulations in surrounding communities, and information on the approval history from the year 2000 through present.

Following the discussion that ensued, the consensus was to leave the current standards in place.

B. Permitted and Special Uses

The Board reviewed the current use table, paying special attention to the Special Regulated Uses. Discussion ensued on the reasoning behind certain uses being categorized as such. Following discussion, consensus was that based on the small number of requests received, there would be no benefit in making changes at this time. Kain suggested that the Commission review the Use Table and bring any questions or recommendations forward to him.

C. Master Plan

Kain reminded the Board that he needs comments back by November 15th on the 70% plan so he can get comments back to the consultant. There were questions on whether there would be additional opportunities for public input.

He noted that the purpose of the 70% plan is to get feedback from the Planning Commission and City Commission. He explained that once we receive the next draft the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Commission to release the plan for public comment. The public comment period will last for 63 days and there will be a minimum of three public hearings.

Discussion ensued on the Master Plan being a visionary document which is meant to offer guidance and a long-term vision that policy makers can utilize over several years and decades to implement policy and development. It was also noted that the consultant relied heavily on the public input when they developed the plan and there was a diverse group of people who showed up to those sessions.

Kain noted that it is ultimately the responsibility of the Planning Commission and City Commission to determine if the plan sets an appropriate vision for the future of the community.

Motion by Dailey, support by Liesch to adjourn.

Work session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.