

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission
Minutes of Work Session
December 6, 2018

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

Absent: Liesch

Staff: Kain, Murphy

1) City Master Plan Update:

Kain provided an overview of the process to date. Staff had met with the consultant, McKenna & Associates, earlier in the day to review the scope of the project, the project schedule, and the tentative schedule for public engagement. Kain noted that the public engagement would include a four-day charrette, tentatively planned for April, and strongly encouraged Commissioners to participate as much as possible.

Kain noted that a steering committee will be formed and representatives from the Planning Commission will be sought early next year.

2) Medical/Recreational Marihuana:

Kain reported that as of today recreational marihuana is legal in Michigan.

Kain reported that the City began accepting applications on October 1st for medical marihuana facilities. To date we have received two applications, both for provisioning centers. Applications will be accepted through February 1, 2019. If more applications are received for growers or provisioning centers than the limits specified by ordinance a lottery will be held on February 13, 2019. Those who are pre-authorized by the City Clerk are required to file for a SUP within 30 days so we may see several applications come in during the same time period.

It was noted that applicants are required to have a location identified and the SUP is location specific and cannot be transferred to another location.

Discussion took place on the relationship between the medical and recreational marihuana laws and the potential impacts of both.

3) 2019 Work Plan:

Kain noted that the Master Plan will be a top priority for 2019 and will limit the Commission's capacity to take on other projects.

He noted that February will be the one-year mark since the new Zoning Ordinance was adopted and asked how the Commission may wish to filter and review potential amendments. Following discussion, the consensus was that the Chair and Vice-Chair would review specific issues with staff and establish prioritization before those items came before the Planning Commission.

Kain noted that if time allows the Commission should consider reviewing the by-laws this year.

There being no further business the work session was adjourned by general consent at 8:33 p.m.