

**MARTINSVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2017**

Chairman Ben Merida called the meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission to order at 7:04 PM on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Martinsville, IN.

ATTENDANCE: Those members present were:

Katie Barnard
Gary Carrell
Kim Fishel
Melanie Foley
Grady Howard
Ben Merida, Chairman
Sam Reuter, Vice-Chairman
Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary
Tom Williams

Also present: Cassie Mellady, Commission Attorney
Brian Love, Building Inspector
Troy Swan, Engineering

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After amendments by Kim Fishel, a motion was made by Katie Barnard to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017, meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission. Grady Howard seconded the motion which passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF ART WORK – REDISCOVER MARTINSVILLE.

Joanne Stuttgart, President of Rediscover Martinsville, and group member Ben Rawlins gave the Commission a presentation of the plans for an art work to be installed on a stainless steel traffic signal box at the intersection of Main and Jackson Streets as part of the Wisdom of Wooden Public Art Initiative, and a sign at Garfield and Main. Approval by the Plan Commission was needed as the box is located in the downtown historic district.

The art for the box will be designed by Dan Baldwin with assistance from his son Sam. Mr. Rawlins said that they realized art is in the eye of the beholder but they felt that this was a piece that was not only graphically correct for the place but he hoped when people saw the art, they would stop and think about what it meant. The panels for the art are scheduled to be printed on April 7.

Ms. Stuttgart further stated that the sign will be made on fiberglass, foam and aluminum. The final design will be digital. The box will have a hinged door.

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Katie Barnard asked if there would be any indication that the art honors Martinsville native John Wooden. Mr. Rawlins said John Wooden's name would be at the bottom under the quote.

Kim Fishel asked what the life expectancy of the art would be. Mr. Rawlins answered that the art would be good for four to five years before it would start to fade. The intent is to have a moveable type project.

The project is funded by grants and no city funds will be used.

City Building Inspector Brian Love said he was fine with the art. The City Council had approved the project.

MOTION: Katie Barnard made a motion to approve the art work project as requested by Rediscover Martinsville. The motion was seconded by Grady Howard and passed unanimously.

B. REZONING FOR IN-A-PINCH:

Ben Throckmorton with In-a-Pinch made the presentation to the Plan Commission. He asked for a change in the zoning for In-a-Pinch from B-3 to B-4. In-a-Pinch is located at 1510 S. Ohio Street. Mr. Throckmorton said the business would like to start selling utility trailers as well as rent U-Haul trucks and trailers. The trailers would be no more than 20-feet long and 6-feet wide.

Building Inspector Brian Love said the sheet from the State Zoning was correct.

REMONSTRATORS: None.

MOTION: Tom Williams made a motion to recommend to the City Council the request for rezoning from B-3 to B-4 by In-a-Pinch located at 1510 S. Ohio Street so that the business would be allowed to start selling utility trailers and rent U-Haul trucks and trailers. The motion was seconded by Melanie Foley and passed unanimously.

COMP PLAN KICK-OFF:

Chris Hamm senior planner with HWC Engineering was present to discuss an update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. As part of the process, Mr. Hamm was present for informational purposes. The project has not yet started. The last comprehensive plan for the city of Martinsville was completed in 2010. Mr. Hamm said they would like to receive public input for the plan. The I-69 will influence the plan. A sub-area plan was not included in the work that was done last year. This will be about an eight month process. A steering committee will be established consisting of approximately 8-15 people. A broad feedback will be anticipated to get the public's opinion.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Chairman Merida said he would like to form a committee to work with Brian Love to tackle an ordinance on temporary signs in the city. He recommended Sam Reuter, Kim Fishel, and Tom Williams serve on this committee. Ben Merida said there are potential loopholes in the city’s sign ordinances. He would like to have recommendations be presented to the Plan Commission at the April meeting.

MOTION: Grady Howard motioned that the sign committee be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Williams and passed unanimously.

Chairman Merida also recommended a committee to help clean up old ordinances in regards to the historic downtown area. This committee will be composed of Ben Merida, Marilyn Siderewicz, and Melanie Foley. The recommendations of the committee should be presented to the Plan Commission at the April meeting

MOTION: Kim Fishel motioned that this Historic Downtown Ordinance Committee be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Williams and passed unanimously.

Chairman Ben Merida distributed a print out of rules and procedures for the commission. These rules and procedures should have been in place already.

MOTION: Kim Fishel motioned that acceptance of the rules and procedures should be tabled until the March meeting of the Plan Commission in order to give the members time to review these before voting approval. The motion was seconded by Grady Howard and passed unanimously.

Building Inspector Brian Love will discuss stickers on store windows at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Marilyn Siderewicz, seconded by Tom Williams, and passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Martinsville Plan Commission will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

Ben Merida, Chairman

Marilyn Siderewicz, Secretary

Katie Barnard

Sam Reuter, Vice-Chairman

Melanie Foley

Kim Fishel

Grady Howard

Tom Williams

Gary Carrell