

***City of Erie Planning Commission
Erie, Pennsylvania
April 17, 2018***

-Minutes-

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission was held Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 1:00 pm in Room 500 of the City of Erie Municipal Building, 626 State Street, Erie PA.

1. *Call to Order / Roll Call*

| Member Name | Present | Absent |
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| Thomas Dworzanski, Chair | X | |
| Don Marinelli, Vice-Chair | | X |
| Armand Chimenti | | X |
| Mark Kloecker | X | |
| Richard Speicher | X | |

Three of five members present; quorum achieved

2. *Approval of the March 20, 2018 meeting minutes.* On a motion by Mr. Speicher, seconded by Mr. Kloecker, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the March 20, 2018 meeting minutes as received.

3. *Review of a proposed Demolition Delay Ordinance for a recommendation to City Council for any appropriate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.*

Mr. Welsh provided an update to the members that the code enforcement office was moving forward with preparing a proposed demolition permit ordinance as a stand-alone ordinance/requirement. This will be done independently of any proposed amendments to Article 7 of the zoning ordinance relating to historic resources protection. Updates will be provided at future meetings as work progresses to finalize the demolition permit ordinance. A comprehensive strategy and schedule to address historic resource protection in the City of Erie has not been determined; additional information is being gathered to prepare recommendations for the Planning Commission's consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Speicher, seconded by Mr. Kloecker, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to table action on the item until June to allow for additional progress and administrative actions to occur.

4. *Review of existing regulations and proposed amendments to Section 306 – Conditional Uses – Waterfront Districts and 306.10 – Public Access – Waterfront Districts, of the City of Erie Zoning Ordinance for a recommendation to City Council for appropriate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.*

Members further discussed the draft revisions to Section 306 and Section 306.10 of the Zoning Ordinance provided to the members at the last meeting. The revisions address the public access way design and approval concerns raised by Council. The proposed language provides a clearer description of the preferred design of the public access way space. It was agreed additional language still needs to be finalized prior to a final recommendation.

Members also further discussed related recommendations of the Port Authority Master Plan; include modifying permitted uses, off-street parking requirements, and building setback, height and density requirements in the waterfront zoning districts. Ms. Bisel indicated that we would be forming a working group with the Port Authority to prioritize the plan recommendations for the Planning Commission's consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Speicher, seconded by Mr. Kloecker, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to table action until additional revisions to Section 306.10 are prepared, and prioritization of the other plan recommendations occurs.

5. *Being no further business; the meeting adjourned.*