

City Planning Commission

Erie, Pennsylvania

April 16, 2019

-Minutes-

The regular meeting of the City Planning Commission was held Tuesday, April 16, 2019 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
Mark Kloecker, Chair	X	
Richard Speicher, Vice-Chair	X	
Armand Chimenti	X	
Jason Wiczorek	X	
Erica Jenkins	X	

Five of five members present; quorum achieved

- 2. Approval of the February 19, 2019 meeting minutes.* On a motion by Mr. Speicher, seconded by Mr. Kloecker, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes as received.
- 3. Review of a request submitted by Jones Petrie Rafinski on behalf of the Erie County Convention Center Authority [ECCCA] for vacation of an approximately 90' portion of East 9th Street, immediately adjacent and west of UPMC Park.*

Casey Wells, ECCCA, and members of ECCCA's design consultants, Jones Petrie Rafinski, were present to explain the street vacation request. Mr. Wells indicated that the right-of-way vacation is required to accommodate construction of a proposed addition to Erie Insurance Arena and a new left field main entrance to UPMC Park. He then gave an overview of the proposed project, and the consultants provided additional project details. Several questions were discussed relating to the relocated cul-de-sac and ADA parking and access to the site.

Mr. Welsh indicated the zoning office provided notification of the proposed vacation to all potentially affected public utilities prior to the meeting. He indicated responses were received from the City Engineer, Erie Water Works, Verizon and Velocity Network regarding existing utilities located in the area. The ECCCA indicated that these utilities have been identified and discussions are ongoing with the affected entities to resolve any relocation and/or easement agreements and will be properly addressed.

The proposed vacation and associated development appears to be consistent with the Erie City Comprehensive Plan; which recommends strategic "Core Strengthening" investments to our regional assets to create a world-class downtown.

Upon consideration of the above factors and all input received, on a motion by Mr. Kloecker, seconded by Mr. Chimenti, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed right-of-way vacation; contingent on all utility-related issues being resolved.

4. *Being no further business the meeting adjourned.*