

City Planning Commission

Erie, Pennsylvania

January 21, 2020

-Minutes-

A meeting of the City Planning Commission was held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 1:00 pm in Room 500 of the City of Erie Municipal Building, 626 State Street, Erie PA 16501.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Member Name	Present	Absent
Mark Kloecker, Chair	X	
Richard Speicher, Vice-Chair	X	
Armand Chimenti	X	
Erica Jenkins	X	
Jason Wiczorek	X	

Five of five members present; quorum achieved

2. Election of 2020 Planning Commission Officers – Chairman, Vice-Chair & Secretary

On a motion by Mr. Wiczorek, seconded by Mr. Chimenti, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the nominations of Mark Kloecker as Chair and Richard Speicher as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission.

3. Approval of December 17, 2019 meeting minutes of the City Planning Commission

On a motion by Mr. Speicher, seconded by Mr. Kloecker, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes as received.

4. Review of a subdivision of land for Saint John the Baptist Parish Charitable Trust located at 504 East 27th Street prepared by Henry T. Welka & Associates, professional land surveyors.

Mr. Jim Welka was present to describe the proposed subdivision and answer questions. He explained that the subdivision is being done to separate the school building from the church, in order to facilitate redevelopment of the former school. Mr. Welsh indicated that the property is located in an R-1A Traditional Single Family Residential zoning district; and that the proposed subdivision meets the lot and yard area requirements.

On a motion by Mr. Speicher, seconded by Mr. Kloecker, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the subdivision.

5. *Presentation – City of Erie Action Plan: Activating our Vision – A Pathway to Success*

Mayor Schember and Planning Director Kathy Wyrosdick were present to provide an overview of the City’s vision and goals and discuss the elements of the Action Plan.

The City of Erie’s five point Vision and Goals were derived from Erie Refocused, the city’s comprehensive plan, and include: Rich Cultural Diversity; Welcoming, Vibrant Neighborhoods; a World-class Downtown and Bayfront; Excellent Education for Everyone; and an Abundance of Family-sustaining Jobs. This vision is bolstered by Mayor Schember’s Mission: Build Opportunity, Restore Hope, Transform Erie.

The Plan describes the strategies and performance measures to accomplish the Vision, Goals and Mission. The two-year action plan sets specific goals, identifies metrics, called Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for each of the five points in the Vision, tracks and reports the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) regularly, outlines sources of measurement, and explains programs/strategies that the city will implement to ensure that we are making an impact and meeting community needs.

The Mayor went on to describe the specific goals and performance indicators for each of the five vision points and also talked about next steps to begin implementation of the plan. Discussion continued with questions related to the presentation and how the planning commission can play a role in being involved in accomplishing the goals, particularly the Welcoming, Vibrant Neighborhoods vision point.

6. *Review of the City of Erie Blighted Property Review Committee request that the City Planning Commission designate the following properties as blighted as that the same may be certified to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie for action*

735 East 07 St.	920 East 21 St.	2325 East Ave.
644 East 08 St.	516 East 23 St.	2301 German St.
526 East 09 St.	550 East 25 St.	2421 German St.
606 East 13 St.	642 East 25 St.	2606 Jackson Ave.
256-258 West 18 St.	822-824 Ash St.	2014 Myrtle St.
905 East 20 St.	915 Ash St.	1302 Parade St.
528 East 21 St.	502 Dunn Boulevard	2218 Parade St.

Scott Henry from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie presented information to the members regarding the properties; which have all been declared blighted by the Blighted Property Review Committee. The properties have multiple property maintenance and/or building code violations, delinquent taxes, and other issues which led to the blighted declaration.

On a motion by Mr. Speicher, seconded by Mr. Kloecker, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to designate the presented properties as blighted.

7. *Adjournment*