

City of Bayfield Plan Commission

Minutes of Meeting November 23, 2021, 4 p.m.

Call to Order-Roll Call:

Mayor Ringberg called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. at the Bayfield City Hall.

Present: Mayor Ringberg, Colleen Beagan, Bob Durfey, Sheryl Burkel, Dionne Johnston, and Susan Hedman

Absent: Emily VanDerPuy

Others: Matt Carrier, Daniel Skenderian,

Northland College Staff and Students: Nicole Foster, Anna Marhfke, Jordan Nance, Sophia Malmgren, Trent Wrestler, Auggie Walhelm, and Emily Nobles

Approve Agenda and Review/Approve Minutes of October 26, 2021: Beagan/Durfey moved to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Public Input on Agenda Items: None.

Agenda Item(s):

1. Northland College Sustainability Community Development – Student Studies:

Students gave a presentation on each subject below. along with additional time for an introduction and final conclusions. Q&As and discussion followed.

- 1) Climate Resilience
- 2) Downtown Design
- 3) Housing
- 4) Economic Development

They will provide the City with their final written plan. The final plan will include a section on sustainable food policies. Commissioners thanked the students for their presentations and hard work. They found the presentations interesting and felt the plan would be especially useful in their future planning work.

2. Parking Management Plan: Review and Provide Feedback

The Mayor and Carrier gave a brief overview of the plan. Comments/Questions ensued:

- Hedman and Hoopman provided written comments to Carrier already that were not restated at the meeting.
- Commissioners asked questions on how the plan worked in various situations.
- Noted the current plan is too lengthy.
- The current plan does not address the comprehensive plan goals and objectives.
- The Commission has not addressed the Parking Management Plan from a Plan Commissioner's role in planning and development. They were only asked to review the existing plan presented.
- Additional signs will be needed in non-paid parking areas.
- Parking near ferry should be premium parking.
- Issues with private lots mentioned.
- Carrier and the Mayor said with a parking management plan in place there should be open spaces on main street, making it easier for people to visit these stores during the prime season.

- Beagan feels users will pay to park.
- Parking plan as written is not supported by all members. It could alienate our neighbors, and workforce. Timing is bad - current empty storefronts.
- Discussion ensued on the benefit parking district proposed. Beagan thinks we need to designate funds, but Hoopman is adamantly opposed. Council should be able to put the money where it is needed the most. We have a five-year CIP plan that shows millions of dollars worth of needs, not to mention the new ones that arise.

3. Confirm/Set Next Meeting(s): January 25, 2021, 4 p.m.

Adjourn: Beagan/Johnston moved to adjourn. Carried. (5:25 p.m.)

Minutes by Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk