

KMCPC Members:
Neil Sikora, Chair
Jack Mekemson, Vice-Chair
James Hoppe, Secretary
John Gisler, Commissioner Liaison
Joel Amos
Steven Cook
Joseph Hohler III
Martin Janssen
Herman Smith
Jon Start
Vacancy

Minutes

Kalamazoo Metropolitan County Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, February 5, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Sikora, Martin Janssen, Steven Cook, Joseph Hohler III, James Hoppe, Joel Amos,
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jack Mekemson, John Gisler, Jon Start, Herman Smith, (One vacancy)
OTHERS PRESENT: Lotta Jarnefelt

I. Call to Order

Chair Sikora called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in Room 207A at the Kalamazoo County Administration Building at 201 W. Kalamazoo Ave, Kalamazoo MI 49007.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the last regular meeting held on December 4, 2014. On a motion made by Mr. Janssen and seconded by Mr. Hoppe, the Commission approved the minutes from the meeting.

III. Citizens' time

There were no citizens present.

IV. New Business

1. Resolution to honor Mr. William (Bill) Miller for his service on the KMCPC.
Ms. Jarnefelt provided a resolution that was written to honor Mr. Miller as decided at the November 6, 2014 meeting of the KMCPC.

ON A MOTION MADE by Mr. Hoppe and DULY SECONDED by Mr. Janssen, the Commission UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the resolution to honor Mr. Miller that is attached to these minutes and directed staff to provide a similar resolution, also attached, for the County Board of Commissioners to approve at their meeting at the next available opportunity.

2. Village of Vicksburg 2015 Comprehensive Master Plan.
Ms. Jarnefelt presented a staff report on the Village of Vicksburg 2015

Comprehensive Master Plan. Except for minor edits in the text, staff reports no issues with the plan.

ON A MOTION MADE by Mr. Hohler and DULY SECONDED by Mr. Cook, the Planning Commission UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the proposed Village of Vicksburg 2015 Comprehensive Master Plan and determined that it is CONSISTENT with the planning and zoning of the neighboring governmental units in Kalamazoo County, with staff comments to be included in the letter of recommendation to Vicksburg Village Planning Commission.

3. Village of Richland Notice of Intent to Consider Master Plan Future Land Use Plan Map Update.

Ms. Jarnefelt presented a staff report on the proposed change in the Future Land Use Plan Map from the existing classification of Residential, Low Density and Transitional to the Residential, Medium Density classification. The change is proposed in support of the applicant's related request to rezone the property to the R-2 Residential, Single and Two-Family zoning district. The proposed use is compatible with the neighboring properties, which are designated mainly Residential, Medium Density in the Future Land Use Map.

ON A MOTION MADE by Mr. Amos and DULY SECONDED by Mr. Janssen, the Planning Commission UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the proposed Master Plan Future Land Use Plan Map Update and determined that it is CONSISTENT with the planning and zoning of the neighboring governmental units in Kalamazoo County.

4. Ross Township: Notice of Intent to Consider Master Plan Future Land Use Plan Map Amendment, and notice of Public hearing.

Ms. Jarnefelt reported that the amendment was initially on the KMCPC January 8 agenda, but that meeting was cancelled due to the weather. At this time, public comment time is past due and there is no action needed.

V. **Report from Parks Commission liaison Mr. Amos:**

Mr. Amos was reported that he had attended the Park Commission meeting earlier in the day. Items discussed at that meeting was that Expo Center users can serve wine and beer, the hope is to create more venues. Updates on the River Oaks Park and the bike trail from Galesburg to Augusta were also provided.

VI. **Correspondence**

1. Letter from Comstock Twp: Notice about Comstock Master Plan Update
2. Corrections: Letter from HCS, LARA and notice about a public hearing in Oshtemo Twp mentioned in January preliminary agenda were not KMCPC issues.

VII. Other

County Board Commissioner John Gisler has been appointed the KMCPCLiaison.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, L. Jarnefelt

Next scheduled KMCPCLiaison Meeting is Thursday, March 5, 2015.