

CITY OF HILLSDALE



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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL, 97 N. BROAD ST. 2nd FLOOR November 15, 2016 at 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order 5:30 pm

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Members present:, Chair Amber Yoder, Mayor Scott Sessions, Laura Smith, Kerry Laycock, Eric Moore, Sam Nutter
- C. Others present: Alan Beeker (Zoning Administrator), Mary Wolfram (Economic Development), Ed McClain
- D. Members absent:

II. Consent Items/Communications

- A. Mayor Sessions moved to approve the agenda, Jonathan Smith seconded, motion passed.
- B. Kerry moved to approve the Consent Items/Communications, Eric Moore seconded, motion passed.

III. Public Comment

No Public Comment

IV. Old Business

- A. Placemaking Study – Mr. Beeker gave a brief update to the study. Some discussion continued regarding the next steering committee meeting on Dec. 8 at 10 am.
- B. Project Rising Tide – Ms. Wolfram spoke to the visioning meeting which will be Nov. 22 at 2:00 pm in the library. Mr. Beeker and Ms. Wolfram gave a brief overview of the PRT. Mr. Beeker spoke to the technical assistance being offered to the City. Mr. Beeker spoke to the Form Based Code.
- C. Hillsdale Townhome Variance – The architect missed the first deadline and the meeting will be Dec. 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

V. New Business

- A. 2017 Meeting dates – The meeting dates for next year were presented. Mr. Beeker will pass them on to the Clerk for publishing on the website.
- B. Appointment Schedule – Dr. Robert Schall has agreed to be appointed in Jonathan Smith’s place. Eric Moore, Samuel Nutter, Amber Yoder and Kerry Laycock will need to be re-appointed. Mr. Beeker will try to get them on the agenda for the Nov. 21 Council meeting.

VI. Economic Development

Ms. Wolfram informed the Commission of various projects around the City. She spoke to the potential for a \$200,000 grant to help renovate the Dawn Theater. She also talked about the Keefer House hotel feasibility study.

VII. Public Comment

Mr. McClain had various questions regarding zoning. He also felt that the Hillsdale Beauty College should be added to the master plan.

VIII. Adjournment at 6:40 pm – Laura Smith moved to adjourn, Mayor Sessions seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: December 20, 2016 at 5:30 pm.