



MINUTES
Newaygo City Planning Commission
January 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at City Hall located at 28 State Road, Newaygo MI 49337

Roll Call: Present: Chambers, Faulkner, Fetterley, Hikade, Kroll, Looman, Westcott, Wight, Williams
Absent: None
Also Present: Jon Schneider: City Manager, Kim Goodin: Recording Secretary

Motion by Hikade, second by Kroll to approve the agenda as presented. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Williams, second by Wight to approve 11/13/18 meeting minutes. AIF/MC

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Hikade, second by Looman at 6:33 pm to open public hearing to discuss and take comment on request by Randy's House, a residential recovery program, for special use approval to locate their treatment program dwelling units at structures located at 48 Justice St. and 68 Quarterline Rd. in the City of Newaygo. AIF/MC Schneider stated applications, plans and information about the program and operations were in packets along with letters from citizens of Newaygo. Mike Helmer, Executive Director of Randy's House was present and updated board and answered questions relating to Randy's House. He stated Randy's House is licensed in prevention, annually inspected by the State of Michigan, residents adhere to strict policies rules and guidelines to maintain residency and they do not take violent criminal offenders or sex offenders as residents of their program. Elmer discussed Recovery House Model, time length of residents, recovery coaching, peer to peer support, work and volunteer requirements, and program policies and guidelines. He stated that priority will be given to Newaygo County residents, and at least one bed will always be available and reserved for Newaygo County residents in need. Public asked Helmer questions, which he answered related to: need for 2 locations, number of people in each house, number of current locations, demographics of residents, how need determined, programs offered, procedures followed, and proximity to schools at current locations. Helmer discussed relationship Randy's House has with the City of Greenville where they have 3 houses located. Public asked Commissioners questions, which they answered related to: current Ordinance, fire code, occupancy related to codes, other possible locations, City Master Plan, and EMS/Police calls. Many public comments stating definite need for program. Motion by Kroll, second by Wight at 8:07 pm to close public hearing. AIF/MC

Chairman Chambers called a recess at 8:09 pm.

Chairman Chambers called the meeting back to order at 8:12 pm

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners asked Helmer questions, which he answered, related to: funding, fire safety, current homes, staff ratio, screening, testing and time length of program. Commissioners made comments and had discussion related to: housing shortage, affect of future developers, location, fire safety, letters from residents, and community service. Schneider stated that Newaygo Police Chief Andres and Commissioner Hikade had toured 3 Randy

Houses located in Greenville. Schneider showed pictures that had been taken during this visit. Chief stated that her department is responsible for public safety and feels the houses are in great location to maintain public safety and they could be shut down if public nuisance. Chief discussed their visit, policies, procedures, cleanliness of homes, and said she spoke with current and past residents of Randy's Home.

Motion by Hikade, second by Looman to approve request by Randy's House for special use approval to locate their treatment program dwelling units at 48 Justice St. in the City of Newaygo with the following contingencies: occupancy limited per building code and not to exceed what is stated in application, no more than 4 vehicles on site, smoking and congregating allowed only in non-prominent locations and having our Police Department provide a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of their plans. Roll Call: Yeas: Chambers, Faulkner, Fetterley, Hikade, Looman, Westcott, Wight, Williams Absent: None Abstain: Kroll Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Looman, second by Hikade to approve request by Randy's House for special use approval to locate their treatment program dwelling units at 68 Quarterline Rd. in the City of Newaygo with the following contingencies: occupancy limited per building code and not to exceed what is stated in application, no more than 4 vehicles on site, smoking and congregating allowed only in non-prominent locations and having our Police Department provide a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of their plans. Roll Call: Yeas: Chambers, Faulkner, Fetterley, Hikade, Looman, Westcott, Wight, Williams Absent: None Abstain: Kroll Nay: None. CARRIED

Motion by Hikade, second by Fetterley to approve Resolution P19-01 setting 2019 meeting dates. AIF/MC

Motion by Fetterley, second by Westcott to keep Chambers as Chairman, Kroll as Vice-Chair and Hikade as Secretary for the 2019 calendar year. AIF/MC

Scott Faulkner, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, gave brief NEDO update on information in packets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Selzer discussed process of meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Motion by Hikade, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm. AIF/MC

Secretary-Mike Hikade