

Charter Township of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan
Administrative Offices: 21131 Garden Lane, 2nd Floor, Ferndale, MI 48220

PLANNING COMMISSION: MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Date and Time: Wednesday December 14, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Location: **Room 210:** 21131 Garden Lane, Ferndale, MI 48220

Members Present: Jerry Saddler (JS), Ottist Flournoy III (OF), Patricia Appling (PA), Wanda Allen (WA)
Members Excused: Donna Squalls (DS)
Members Absent: Rosalind Kennedy (RK)
Others Present: John Jackson (JJ), and Simon Rivers (SR), McKenna Associates; Ann Capela, Township Manager.
Convened at: 6:55 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Called to Order at 6:55 PM; quorum established with JS, OF, PA, and WA in attendance.
2. **INVOCATION** – JS called for a moment of silent reflection and prayer.
3. **ROLL CALL** – JS conducted roll call with JS, PA, OF, and WA in attendance. Introductions – Ann Capela, John Jackson, Simon Rivers. OF introduced himself as a relatively new planning commissioner. PA introduced herself. Trustee WA introduced herself; she is the Township Board liaison to the Planning Commission and a former member of the Planning Commission.
4. **APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: AGENDA** – Quorum was not present to approve or disapprove the agenda.
5. **APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: MINUTES** – No minutes available. A quorum was not present to approve/disapprove of minutes.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No members of the public present to comment.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Baymont Hotel.** The hotel was interested in erecting a canopy and sent initial drawings. Planning Commission members did not think it was aesthetically pleasing and questioned the materials of the canopy. Commissioners contacted the parent company and asked for revisions. Revisions included pictures from other properties as examples. JS and DS felt those options were more appropriate. No follow up from Baymont Hotel. Baymont Hotel has allowed guests to do weekly and monthly rentals, as opposed to nightly rentals. The hotel wants to open up the second floor. Previously the Royal Inn, they were not operating appropriately. The Township needs to check in with the hotel. The Township needs to send code enforcement and take a look at the business license to make sure they are operating appropriately.



Pet Crematory. Mr. Allen needed multiple variances (setbacks, etc.) and had issues with parking circulation. JS inquired about a price point. Tax abatements were requested.
8. **NEW BUSINESS – Updates on Current Projects.**
 - a. **21300 Mendota:** The current owner of the property (Matt Pawlowski) is interested in selling to someone who plans to develop the former school as multifamily residential units. According to Trustee Allen, there is a different owner than McKenna has on record. There is also water damage inside the building. Previously interested parties have backed out.

Next Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting:

Date and Time:
Location:

Wednesday January 11, 2022 @ 6:30 PM
Room 210: 21131 Garden Lane, Ferndale, MI 48220

Approved as Presented:



Chair/Date

N/A

Secretary/Date