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Village Of Lawrence Planning Commission
January 22, 2018

January regular Meeting

Meeting called to order – 7:00

In Attendance: Quick, Outz, Faulkner, Carpp, Ransom, Crandall

Minutes of the November regular meeting – minutes Ransom/Outz - approvedd

Agenda Items

1. Safe Routes to School – presentation and update
 - a. Reviewed map for proposed sidewalks with priorities
2. Sign Ordinance – review and amend
 - a. Village contribution \$47,013, for a \$400,000+ project
 - b. Lawrence Freezer wants to know if trucks can be routed through James Street during construction? Paving might be done at night.
 - c. There have been questions about why we are not doing curb/gutter and water/sewer lines. It is a \$ question. Curb/gutter would cost approx. \$250,000 and Water/sewer would be another \$250,000. Curb/gutter would cause a great deal of work on the storm water system.
 - d. Attempts will be made to add a bike lane by the school
3. MEDC has ICE Infrastructure C Enhancement grants to help low-mod communities, which we qualify for.
 - a. Need a CIP Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan to apply
 - b. 10% match, up to \$2M available
 - c. By April 1 we need preliminary plans and an application
 - d. \$6,000 cost to Prein&Newhof
 - e. PSC is working on plan and budget
4. Sign Ordinance Review
 - a. There is an issue with blinking signs allowed at some locations and not others
 - b. Current ordinance does not allow any blinking lights
 - c. Need to pull the sign ordinance, do a mark-up, and review (Quick)
 - d. Potential new businesses are wanting to locate in our downtown and know that our sign ordinance is very restrictive.

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5. Façade – review current
 - a. There are several businesses that are out of business but their façade and sign have not been removed.
 - b. Dan to send letters to property owners to have signs removed for
 - i. ChiDog
 - ii. Lawrence Party Store
 - iii. Flower Shop?
 - c. Motion to allow current blinking open signs while the current sign ordinance is reviewed and amended. After that process of amending the ordinance, blinking signs and lights may or may not be allowed. Crandall/Ransom. Motion carried

Intermeeting business:

Project updates: Dan – all have been covered

Master Plan: Need estimate for budget

- MSU has a program to help with Master Planning
- Dan is talking to Yemi to see what resources are available
- RRC has funding available to help with Master Plan

- Items not on agenda -
 - Knight's were here to talk about the church at 206 E St Joseph St. and Elizabeth. Changing property to a single family residence
- Additional Comments From Audience –
- Meeting adjourned: 8:09 Carpp/Glennie
- Minutes prepared and submitted by: Annette Crandall