

# **Dearborn County Plan Commission**

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## PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 7:00 P.M.

\*Location: Henry Dearborn Meeting Room,

1st floor of new building addition (on the left) in the Dearborn County Government Center

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- **B. ROLL CALL**
- C. ACTION ON MINUTES
- D. OLD BUSINESS NONE TO BE RE-OPENED
- E. NEW BUSINESS NONE
- F. ADMINISTRATIVE
  - To review and discuss proposed ordinance amendments the Dearborn County Zoning Ordinance—including the Zoning Update Study (involving Text and Map changes)
  - Updates related to Planning & Zoning staff activities and projects.

#### DEARBORN COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

November 22, 2021 7:00 PM

Andrew Baudendistel's reading of the Voluntary Title VI Public Involvement Survey - As a recipient of federal funds, and in support of Dearborn County's efforts to ensure nondiscrimination and equal access to all citizens, the County gathers statistical data regarding participants in county activities. Therefore, we have provided a Voluntary Title VI public Involvement Survey at this meeting. You are not required to complete this survey. However, the form is anonymous and will be used solely for the purpose of monitoring our compliance with Title VI and ADA

#### A. ROLL CALL

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jake Hoog

Mark Lehmann - Vice President

Jim Thatcher

Dan Lansing

Russell Beiersdorfer

John Hawley

Eric Lang

Joe Vogel

Mark McCormack - Planning Director, Secretary

Andrew Baudendistel - Attorney

MEMBERS ABSENT—Dennis Kraus Jr (Since Dennis was absent Mark Lehmann acted as president for evening)

- **B. ACTION ON MINUTES—NONE**
- C. OLD BUSINESS NONE
- D. NEW BUSINESS NONE
- E. ADMINISTRATIVE

Proposed Zoning Map Changes and Ordinance Amendments to the Dearborn County Zoning Ordinance Residential and Agriculture Districts

Mr. McCormack began the meeting with discussion on the public workshops that had taken place on the zoning map and text changes. The first review is the public meetings with the consultants and more over the text changes. Comments include to have bee hives as permitted use in agriculture and rural residential, to allow minor subdivision in an agriculture, lot size too large for sewer, duplexes in an agriculture district. In rural residential timber production should be permitted, and consider changing the district name—it leads people to think it's more residential and not large lot agriculture.

Mr. Lehmann asked about having a meeting in December.

Mr. McCormack stated that staff feels that it is not a good idea to have a meeting to invite the public to a public meeting for the December meeting which would be right before Christmas. We were wanting to have a serious of meetings after the new year.

Remove livestock as a conditional use in rural residential and place it as a permitted use, livestock standards on lot sizes less than 10 acres, consider changing the district name of Rural Residential to something more related to agriculture and not residential.

Most of the Board members agree that if we are changing the name, it would be from Rural Residential to Agriculture 2. The feel is that people are worried about the word residential. Staff will look into other name conventions.

Mr. McCormack discussed next the online survey comments. He went through all the comments that were left for each question on the survey and the results of agreement verses disagreement.

Mr. McCormack asked the Board if they were interested in having a meeting in December to figure out the next steps of the public involvement and getting text and a map approved no matter what the outcome would be. We need to consider what to do with the public comments, did we do enough, if we didn't do enough what should we do, how should we move forward.

Mr. Hoog asked about post cards being sent out.

It was determined that it would be too costly to take this route. It was also determined that staff and the Board have done a lot to try reach out to the public to get them involved.

Mr. Lehmann stated that he feels the Board needs to review all the material that they have received over the next week or two prior to the next meeting and then figure out the next steps during the December meeting.

Mr. McCormack brought up the proposed changes to the fee schedule and went over the changes and reasoning behind the changes. He asked the Board to please review the changes to the fee schedule so it can be discussed and voted on in the December.

Mr. Beiersdorfer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hawley. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Mark Lehmann VICE PRESIDENT Dennis Idraus Jo President

Mark McCormack - PLANNING DIRECTOR, Secretary