

## READING PLANNING COMMISSION

### CITY OF READING

March 12, 2018

Vice chair, Christine Gollnick, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at Reading City Hall. Present: Christine Gollnick, Warren Bartels, Chuck Hartshorn, Emma Everett, and Betty Blount. Absent: Chad Penney. Also present: Ben Wheeler and 14 other guests. Betty made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve the February minutes with one spelling correction to Karim. Motion passed 5-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A representative for the KARIM HEALTHCARE sign at 122 S. Main Street was present. He shared a sample of the material proposed to be used for the sign: aluminum facing of a PVC substrate. The sign would be fastened on the brick above the dental work with nylon type fasteners that should be easy to remove if it would ever become necessary. The sign would be a little shorter at 20-22 inches than first proposed. It would still be 223" in length with red lettering on a white background. After hearing this information, Chuck made a motion, seconded by Warren, to approve the proposed sign. Motion carried 4-1. It was also suggested by the commission to consider a hanging sign, as we have those in the downtown as well. He said he had a design for that as well.

Consideration of the three MMFLA applications—Chuck opened the discussion with comments about visitations to a provisioning center and with law enforcement in Ann Arbor. Staff shared that clientele crossed a range of ages, and that neither the provisioning centers nor law enforcement have had any real issues with its existence.

Chris continued with review of the three applications for provisioning centers. Questions or concerns from our previous meeting were addressed. With the Green Tree Relief center Alexander shared that any waste would be hauled away by a licensed transporter. Their 401K has plenty of money in reserve. With the Happiest Camper THC center Chris shared that he has talked with City of Reading law enforcement and the City ordinance enforcer about the listed violations in his application. A lot of them are older violations and the City will also notify him if any of his tenants are being cited. He will continue to monitor to help ensure compliance. He also shared a financial sheet showing financial data of his own, not jointly with his wife, as she was not on the application. He has some reserve. With the Reading Releaf Center the Cooks shared that old product would be disposed in an incinerator. There really shouldn't be much, but it could be handled on their property in that fashion. There should be no noxious odors. Their Financial Condition worksheet initially presented shows plenty of reserve money for the business. There were no other questions from the commission or comments from the guests.

Chris entertained motions for recommendation on each application. Betty made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to recommend to City Council approval of the Green Tree Relief provisioning center application as a Medical Marihuana Facility. Motion carried 5-0.

Betty made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to recommend to City Council for approval the Reading Relief Center application for a provisioning center. Motion carried 5-0.

Betty made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to recommend to City Council for approval the Happiest Camper THC application for a provisioning center. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: Betty shared that further development of a downtown mural is on hold at this time. She would still need to get together with Thor Alwood, artist, concerning details. So, for now it is tabled.

Ben brought up the possibility of an alternative energy discussion of solar panel usage. Might we need an ordinance to cover its introduction into the city? As with windmills, this has become a newer issue as alternative energy options are considered. It was felt that it would be worth looking at. Ben will seek further information.

Ben shared that he is still looking into storage and possible warehousing of materials in the downtown district. It was a concern from an earlier meeting.

Chuck shared that he is reviewing and looking at streamlining some of the Master Plan. Some of the goals in our latest one have been met. State laws might now be affecting some other areas. As we review it, some affected entities might need input. This might involve some other meetings. Chuck will share more at the next meeting.

Our April 9<sup>th</sup> scheduled meeting was shifted to April 23<sup>rd</sup> to accommodate some members' schedules and assure attendance.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS—Chuck brought up a concern about the possibility of a neighbor's dog getting up on stacked boxes and jumping over the fence into his yard. This is a big dog and unfriendly. Safety on his side is a concern. He has talked to City officials about this, and it appears that there is nothing that can be legally be done at this point. Chuck wondered if the City might need to consider some kind of safety ordinance. This would more likely fall to their ordinances than the Planning Commission ordinances. It was also suggested that he might send the neighbors a certified letter sharing his concerns.

Chuck made a motion, seconded by Betty, to adjourn at 8:43. Motion carried 5-0.