

Minutes of Joint Planning Committee Meeting and Downtown Beautification Committee Meeting

April 4, 2016, 6:00 pm

City Hall Council Chambers

Members attending: Aldermen Clyde Heller, Gerald Frederick, Russ Thomas, Zoning Officer James Nagel, Mayor Tom Smith, Alderman Jim Hopkins, Stan Darter and Rita Trantham. Aldermen Vicki Koerber and Steve Notheisen were not present.

Agenda Item 1. Petitions by Citizens on non-agenda items. None

Agenda Item 2. Approval of 01-25-16 Meeting Minutes. After review, a motion was made by Gerald Frederick, seconded by Russ Thomas to approve as submitted, Vote 3-0.

Agenda Item 3. Stubborn German Brewery. Jim Nagel presented information concerning the application of building materials that are not on the approved list of exterior materials. The Stubborn German Brewery installed a product called Smart Side, developed by Louisiana Pacific in lieu of a product called for in the drawings previously submitted. This will require an action to approve this variance with approval authority of the City Council. After examination, a motion to approve was made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Frederick, approved for submission to City Council Agenda and recommended approval. Vote 3-0.

Agenda Item 4. It's Alive Automotive, 501 W Mill Street. Owner of Property Jeff Homsher presented initial plans to replace existing business structure, zoned I-2 and located within the overlay district. He is seeking approval from council for replacing the current structure with a steel building to support his auto body reconstruction business and updated paint booth. He presented information of how the layout of the new structure would be placed on the property. After much discussion, Mr. Homsher was requested to provide the council with engineering drawings to support his proposal. A survey of council members provided no opposition to his proposal as presented. Mr. Nagel informed Mr. Homsher of the requirement to notify all adjoining property owners of his plan and provide them the opportunity to voice any opposition to his plan. After receipt of drawings and notices of action, the proposed work will be placed on City Council Agenda for action.

Agenda Item 5. Façade Grants. Alderman Darter presented information concerning the rapidly approaching deadline for façade grants made to Stubborn German Brewery and Hopskeller Brewery. Original grant was made in September of 2015 with 6 months to complete work, however due to complicating delays for both buildings caused owners to not meet the deadline. Motion to extend the grant for 6 months was made by Russ Thomas and seconded by Rita Trantham, approved with vote of 3-0.

Agenda Item 6, Comments. None.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Darter, seconded by Alderman Frederick, unanimously approved at 6:38 pm.

Submitted by Clyde Heller