

Planning Commission City of New Baltimore, MI

Annual Report CY 2019

In 2019, the Planning Commission reviewed and recommended to amend or approve numerous SALU/Site plans. These included; SALU Knapp's City Garage and SALU New Baltimore Trade Center (35 additional vendors). Recommended Site Plan reviews encompassed; Harbor Oaks Hospital, Dairy Queen and Washington Street Apartments (51037 and 51121 Washington).

There was one Subdivision extensively reviewed 2018 through 2019 and ultimately approved, Willow Creek Site Condominium Development. There were two lot split/combinations approved; McInerney, 54002 and 53964 Wexford and 54431 and 54446 Addison Ct

Zoning ordinance amendment discussions resulted in approvals of; 60-70 Medical Marijuana & Special Facilities Overlay District, Non-Conforming Lots, Uses and Structures, Definitions for Accessory Buildings/Structures. Form Based Code discussions were also accomplished in a joint meeting with HDC, DDA and City Council. There was one rezoning review and denial, Cher Bell, 51124 Maria BT to CB.

Signs reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission in 2019 included Advia Credit Union, Christ Lutheran Church, Dairy Queen, Ebbco Inc, TransNav, LaModa & Bella, A/B Dance Center, Gashopper, Gashopper Wall, and Gashopper Canopy. Sign Ordinance Replacement from City Council was also discussed and reviewed.

Thank you to Annette Girodat for her detailed recording of meeting minutes. We also appreciate the thorough reports and concise recommendations from our Giffels Webster Planners Eric Fazzini and Rod Arroyo. Continued recognition goes out to our City Council Liaisons in 2019, Flo Hayman and Ryan Covert, for their attendance and observations.

My personal thanks to all of the Planning Commissioners for your dedication to this Commission and to our Community. Your unique observations, perspectives, and due diligence reassures City Council to embrace and approve with full confidence our well thought out and researched recommendations. Special thanks to former 2019 planning commissioners Laura Szymanski and Mike Annuli for all of their contributions to this Commission.

Once again, my personal thanks to Jack Daily for offering his assistance to our Commission in chairing the site plan reviews and attending the pre-planning meetings.

The Planning Commission is eagerly anticipating what lies ahead in CY 2020 most especially reviewing new 6-year Capital Improvement Plans with respective department heads, DDA Chair, Mayor, etc. and the review of a highest and best use sustainable plan for the Washington/Main/Front street properties.

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Chair - City of New Baltimore Planning Commission