

CITY OF CHARDON PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2019

Members Present:

Andrew Blackley, Vice-Chairman
Al Hunziker

Hannah Sekas
Mary Jo Stark

Dean Peska

Members Absent:

Kenneth Miller, Chairman
Chris Grau

Also Present:

Doug Courtney, City Engineer
Jim Gillette, Law Director
Joe Koziol, Times
Nathan Long
Rebecca Repasky, Secretary

Randy Sharpe, City Manager
Ann Wishart, Maple Leaf
Steve Yaney, Community Development
Administrator

Mr. Blackley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll was called.

Mr. Blackley said everyone received copies of the June 17, 2019 meeting. The motion was made by Mr. Hunziker to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Peska. The vote carried 5-0.

Mr. Blackley reminded all that were present to sign in for the meeting. Mr. Blackley explained the procedure of the meeting and swore in City staff.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

PC Case #19-134-135-136: Mr. Yaney asked that the applicant TH Cleveland be tabled until the special meeting on July 29th, 2019.

The motion was made by Mrs. Sekas. It was seconded by Mr. Hunziker. The vote carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gauga Faith Rescue Mission, Nathan Long, explained they will go back to the original location at 339 Washington Street. The number of occupants will only be six (6), parking will be for the occupants while volunteers will park at Chardon United Methodist Church and be shuttled to work, they will install sidewalks and fencing. Mr. Long explained they would like to in the future, buy the next door property to expand. Mr. Long said the inside renovations will include taking out the upstairs kitchen to install two (2) more showers.

Mr. Blackley asked for clarification from REALink's property outline. Mr. Long said they had the property surveyed for exact lines.

Mr. Blackley asked if Weidig's Floral will be asked to put in sidewalks. Mr. Gillette said not until the Infill Program but if GFRM would like to install the sidewalks to get a better price for Weidig's, that is an option.

Mr. Peska asked if 339 Washington and 341 Washington are different property owners. Mr. Long said yes.

Mrs. Stark asked for clarification on the loitering policy outside. Mr. Long said smokers will have to be in the back of the fenced in property, and no lines of occupants wanting to come in will be permitted out front.

Mr. Long clarified the 6am exit time – he said breakfast is at 7:30am; and they will be encouraged to participate in programs. If they do not, then they will have to leave. Mr. Blackley asked if the bags occupants bring will have to be taken with them when they leave. Mr. Long said yes – they do not want to have a locker option yet.

Mr. Blackley asked what the current cliental has been. Mr. Long said since Memorial Day, there have been ten (10) individuals which included a veteran and his wife – and they helped put them in a hotel for a week.

Mr. Blackley asked if there will be a volunteer at the house 24/7. Mr. Long said yes, unless there are no occupants or if they all leave to go to work/programs during the day.

Mr. Blackley asked what if there are more clients wanting to stay than there is room for. Mr. Long said they will call other facilities, place them in a hotel or call Women's Safe.

Mr. Peska shared that with all the construction going on and construction companies in town, it could provide work opportunities for these individuals. Mr. Peska asked if County Building permits will be obtained. Mr. Long said yes.

Mr. Blackley asked Mr. Yaney if there have been comments from the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Yaney said no formal drawings have been submitted, but at this point not a lot of items are needed. Mr. Long said they will upgrade the light sockets, install smoke detectors, and install exit signage and fire extinguishers as requested by the Fire Marshall.

Mrs. Sekas asked how many calls to 211 are repeat calls. Mr. Long said there is about 70-80 calls; but he does not know if they are repeat calls. He said he hopes the people understand if one is told they cannot come in, that they do not keep calling because they would get the same answer.

Mr. Blackley asked if there will be signage on the building. Mr. Long said not on the building but out front.

Mr. Blackley commented that with these changes, he feels more comfortable for GFRM to move forward to formally submit materials. Mr. Peska commented the group should start small first, since this is their first facility; then they can expand. Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Sekas and Mr. Hunziker agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

Mr. Hunziker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Peska. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

ANDREW BLACKLEY, VICE CHAIRMAN

Rebecca Repasky, Secretary