



VILLAGE OF PENTWATER

Planning Commission

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Special Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2019

Chairperson Ron Christians called the special meeting of the Pentwater Village Planning Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris Conroy, Bruce Koorndyk, Michelle Angell-Powell, Ron Christians, Paul Anderson, Mark Benner & Kirstin McDonough.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator.

Guests: David Bluhm & Rick Stout of the Fleis & Vandenbrink engineering firm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, second by McDonough to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Complete Streets Design Concept – Carroll & Lowell Streets – Presentation by Fleis & Vandenbrink (F&V).

David Bluhm and Rick Stout from F&V provided revised conceptual drawing for creating complete streets along Carroll Street from Sixth Street to Lowell Street and Lowell Street from Carroll to the beach. A recommendation from the Planning Commission to the Services Committee of Village Council is expected as a result of this meeting. Rick Stout of F&V presented several revised design concepts based on the public's comments and Planning Commission discussion from the November 19, 2019 meeting for consideration and discussion by the Planning Commission today. All proposed improvements along Carroll and Lowell Streets would take place within the existing 66-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) of each street.

Public Comments

- Cathy Crumb of 94 W. Lowell – concerned about turning movements @ Dover, Concord, Hancock & Lowell Streets.
- Paula DeGregorio of 270 Sands asked a whether the Lowell Street multi-use pathway was moving south along Carroll Street?
- Rise Rasch of 40 E. Lowell – asked if the multi-use pathway along Lowell was 10 feet wide?
- Bob Sandberg of 38 Hancock Street – asked whether the throat of the intersection at Lowell and Hancock be improved with the pedestrian bump-outs?
- Rise Rasch of 40 E. Lowell – likes the concept of no parking on the north side ow Lowell east of Hancock Street. She is concerned about a small strip of green space remaining when the multi-use pathway goes in and the maintenance of the multi-use pathway during winter.
- Pat Sanders of 14 Hancock Street – concerned about the loss of green space, more flooding (storm water management problem) and does not like angled parking in front of her house.
- Judy Levich of 55 E, Lowell – had several questions regarding the design concepts.
- Mary Jo Todd of the Lakewood Manufactured Home Park – was concerned that community trees are in trouble, need a millage for tree care and management, values quietness & pedestrian facilities. Sidewalks are in need of repair.

Motion by Benner, second by Koorndyk: The Planning Commission recommends approval for the following improvements within the Lowell Street right-of-way from Carroll Street to the beach for:

- a. The proposed drop-off and turn around lanes within the cul-de-sac;
- b. Golf cart parking on the north side of the street between the cul-de-sac and Medford Street (State Park entrance);
- c. Multi-use pathway on the north side of Lowell Street;
- d. Add a cross-walk across Medford Street (State Park entrance);
- e. No on-street automobile parking on either side of Lowell Street from Medford Street (State Park Entrance) to Mears Street;

- f. Parallel automobile parking on both sides of Lowell Street from Mears Street to Hancock Street;
- g. No on-street parking on the north side of Lowell from Hancock Street to Carroll Street with parallel parking on the south side of Lowell Street and,
- h. Final design to come later with possible locations for loading zones.

Voice Vote: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion passed.

Motion by Benner, second by Anderson: The Planning Commission recommends approval for the following improvements within the Carroll Street right-of-way from Sixth Street Lowell Street for:

- a. Two ten (10) foot wide drive lanes with bicycle sharrows;
- b. Parallel parking on both sides of Carroll Street from Sixth to Lowell;
- c. No Multi-use pathway; and,
- d. Five (5) foot wide sidewalks on both sides of Carroll Street;

Voice Vote: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Motion passed.

Motion by Benner, second by Koorndyk: The Planning Commission recommends approval for the following improvements along the Numbered Streets between Hancock and Carroll Streets:

- a. Alternate angled & parallel parking on opposite sides of each street, where appropriate; and,
- b. Return all numbered streets to two-way travel.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Zoning Administrator – Mr. Edwards’ written report was accepted by the Planning Commission.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals – The ZBA did not meet in October 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pat Sandberg of 38 Hancock Street recommended the Village consider a shuttle service to large parking lots like churches and the school during the summer.

Paula DeGregorio of 270 Sands recommended parking all on-street parking spaces appropriately.

Bob Sandberg of 38 Hancock Street asked for consideration for alternative transportation.

Rise Rasch of 40 E. Lowell stated that parking downtown should be considered with future land uses.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Ron Christians at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator

December 13, 2019

Approved by the Village of Pentwater Planning Commission on January 28, 2020.

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