

City Of Birmingham
Regular Meeting Of The Planning Board
January 10, 2024
City Commission Room
151 Martin Street, Birmingham, Michigan

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Planning Board held on January 10, 2024. The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Present: Board Members Robin Boyle, Stuart Jeffares, Daniel Share, Bert Koseck;
Alternate Board Members Jason Emerine, Nasseem Ramin

Absent: Chair Scott Clein, Vice-Chair Bryan Williams; Board Member Janelle Whipple-Boyce

Staff: Planning Director Dupuis; Planning Intern Aldred, City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn

01-01-24

Motion by Mr. Share

Seconded by Mr. Jeffares to nominate Robin Boyle to serve as temporary chair for today's meeting.

Motion carried, 6-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ramin, Emerine, Share, Boyle, Koseck, Jeffares

Nays: None

B. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Regular Planning Board Meeting of December 13, 2023

01-02-24

Motion by Mr. Share

Seconded by Mr. Jeffares to approve the minutes of the Regular Planning Board meeting of December 13, 2023 as amended.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Ramin, Emerine, Share, Boyle, Koseck, Jeffares

Nays: None

C. Chair's Comments

Temporary Chair Boyle welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the meeting's procedures.

D. Review Of The Agenda

E. Meeting Open to the Public for Items Not on the Printed Agenda

F. Unfinished Business/Courtesy Review

G. Rezoning Applications

H. Community Impact Study and Site Plan Review

I. Special Land Use Permits

J. Site Plan & Design Review

K. Study Session

1. The Birmingham Plan 2040 — Prioritization of Key Actions

PD Dupuis reviewed the Board's previous work on the item and answered informational questions from the Board.

The following comments were made during Board discussion:

- An option for an organizing framework was briefly described;
- It would be helpful to have the boards and Commission review their respective, proposed assignments, and to hear whether there are any other assignments each board believes would be within its purview. Staff should provide an introductory memo to each board regarding its potential assignments;
- The items on pages eight through 14 were identical to the items on 14 through 23, just organized differently;
- After the other boards have an opportunity to review their proposed assignments, the Planning Board can begin to review its assignments, discuss the resources and funding it will need to carry out its assignments, and to discuss both the Planning Board and Planning Staff's capacity to implement said assignments;
- It may be appropriate to have a deep-dive session to discuss aspects of the Plan;
- It will be necessary to ensure that the recommendations of the Plan become enforceable ordinances as appropriate;
- Staff should be entrusted to categorize the Board's assignments into priority levels, within which the Board can make more specific priority rankings;
- Staff's recommendations of the board assignments were largely appropriate;
- The Planning Board should have input on aspects of the Woodward Safety and Beautification Plan, the North Old Woodward Streetscape, the Mixed-use Streetscape Plan, the Tree Canopy Plan, and the Eton Road Corridor Plan;
- The Board should be able to recommend that some of the other boards' assignments be addressed with interdepartmental Staff;
- If the Board ties its action list back to the 2040 Plan, it will make the annual and five year reviews easier;
- Keeping the 2040 Plan front-of-mind will result in better outcomes and better management;
- Some of the Commission assignments will likely begin with initial Commission review and direction, and subsequently may become assignments for the Board and/or consultants as appropriate;
- The City would likely benefit from a citywide parking study in the future;
- In preparation for the next Board meeting, each Board member should:
 - Determine which potential Board assignments should be the first priorities; and,
 - List which potential Board assignments may need funding for consultants.

- Then, at the next Board meeting, the Board can determine whether there is a consensus on the priorities and items that may need consultants; and,
- For the next Board meeting, Staff will edit some of the proposed board assignments and sub-assignments based on the preceding discussion.

Public Comment

Larry Lyng spoke in opposition to potential future upzoning of 14 Mile between Grant and Woodward.

L. Miscellaneous Business and Communications

- 1. Pre-Application Discussions**
- 2. Communications**
 - i. Project Updates**
- 3. Administrative Approval Correspondence**
- 4. Draft Agenda**
- 5. Action List**
- 6. Other Business**

M. Planning Division Action Items

- a. Staff Report on Previous Requests**
- b. Additional Items from tonight's meeting**

N. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Nick Dupuis, Planning Director



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist