



**Proceedings of the Ironwood Planning Commission
Wednesday April 3, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 in the Conference Room #1, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Director Brown called the meeting to Order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

| MEMBER | PRESENT | | EXCUSED | NOT EXCUSED |
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| | YES | NO | | |
| Bergman, Thomas | | X | X | |
| Burchell, Bob | | X | | X |
| Cayer, Joseph Sr. | X | | | |
| Davey, Sam | X | | | |
| Geib, Courtland | X | | | |
| Lemke, Joseph | X | | | |
| Johnson, Leroy | X | | | |
| Semo, Rick, ex-officio, non voting member | | X | | X |

Also present: Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Davey to accept the meeting minutes of March 3, 2012 with a correction to #10, from Straus to Traska. **Second** by Cayer. **Motion Carried 5 to 0**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Davey to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Johnston. **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items on the Agenda (three-minute limit):

None

6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the Agenda (three-minute limit):

None

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration: Director Brown revisited the 2013 Goals.

a. Review 2013 Goals that this Committee discussed last month:

The attached items were stickered and the priorities came out as follows:

1. Comprehensive Plan – 7 votes
2. US2 Corridor Improvement Plan – 6 votes
3. Investigate MI Place Making Initiative – 4 votes
4. More interaction between other committees – 3 votes
5. Training for Commission – 1 votes
6. Review Zoning Board of Appeals Process – None

Motion by Cayer to accept the 2013 Goals as listed. **Second** by Johnson; **Motion Carried 5-0.**

- b. Outdoor Storage: Director Brown reviewed this project which was broached last month with the committee. Screening of outdoor storage must be done; whether fencing or berms. Johnston asked if they needed a site plan, which Director Brown acknowledged. They must submit a site plan, specifying what the business is going to store, how they will mitigate the views. The items being stored outside must be ancillary to the main business. These are permitted but must go through the conditional use approval. Director Brown would work with the City of Ironwood Attorney and work on the wording; then go to public hearing, then on to the City Commission. Screening, fencing, berms, and distance from property lines, and depending on what the material is, must be covered. Cayer stated to have Director Brown revise this Ordinance and bring it back to the Commission. If the business needs this further, the Commission can hold a special meeting.
- c. Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Director Brown commented that a rezoning request came in and you'll be seeing this at May's meeting. The Zoning Ordinance lacks sections on some requirements. Director Brown will bring back some items for consideration by the Committee and will work with the City of Ironwood Attorney on the structure.

8. Project Updates:

- a. Director Brown submitted his budget for the Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$75,000. Talks will begin soon with the City of Ironwood Commission. This program ranked very high. Davey stated that this planning may have to be split over two years. Next November is an election and if there would be all new members, they could only fund one year, and the second year could be out.

9. Other Business:

- a. Davey stated that the DNR approved the grant for non-motorized vehicles.

10. Next Meeting:

May 1, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment:

Motion by Davey to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Geib. **Motion Carried 5 - 0.**

Adjournment at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Bergman, Chairman

Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant