

PLAN COMMISSION
Monday, March 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Plan Commission of the City of Platteville was called to order by Acting Plan Commission Chair Joie Schoonover at 7:03 PM in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Kory Wein, Joie Schoonover, Tad Leonard, Ciara Miller and Barbara Stockhausen.
Excused: Barbara Daus, Todd Kasper, Robert Vosberg, and Bill Kloster

APPROVAL MINUTES – January 8, 2024

Motion by Wein, second by Stockhausen to approve the January 8, 2024, minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

MOVE AGENDA ITEM

Motion by Wein, second by Stockhausen to move agenda item Industry Park Land Sale to before the Public Hearing for the Bike and Pedestrian Plan. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

INDUSTRY PARK LAND SALE – 400 Eastside Road and 1440 Vision Drive

Abby Haas, from Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation (PAIDC) presented the information regarding the Industry Park land sale of 400 Eastside Road and answered questions from the Commission. Motion by Wein, second by Leonard to recommend the sale of the property consisting of the existing Lot 44 of the Platteville Industry Park #7, located at the northwest corner of Eastside Road and Vision Drive. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – Bike and Pedestrian Plan –Community Development Director Joe Carroll explained that this Public Hearing would continue at the next Plan Commission meeting due to the amount of information to consider. Assistant Planner Alyssa Shaeffer from Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning gave a presentation on the need for the Bike and Pedestrian Plan and how it will benefit the residents of the city through future planning and development. She answered questions from the Commission. Danica Larson, 1010 7th Avenue spoke in favor. Mike Hahn, 920 Camp Street spoke about concerns he had with misinformation presented in the media and his experience with bike lane planning.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT/SIDEWALK CAFÉ PERMIT – 130 Market Street – Director Carroll presented that the City received an application from Jeff and Lisa Haas for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and a Sidewalk Café Permit for 130 Market Street, Fifty50. The applicant Jeff Haas spoke about how they would like to expand the outdoor eating/drinking area to include the front porch and sidewalk while still allowing room for pedestrians to safely pass by. Cindy Tang, 995 Highbury Circle and owner of Inspiring Community located at 190 Market Street spoke in favor. There was a friendly amendment to separate the CUP from the Sidewalk Café Permit. Motion by Wein, second by Miller to recommend approval of the Conditional Use Permit. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Wein, second by Stockhausen to recommend approval of the Sidewalk Café Permit. Motion carried 4-1 on a roll call vote with Miller voting against.

EASTSIDE TRAIL EXPANSION – Director Carroll introduced Platteville Community Arboretum President Joe Jacquinet who explained that the PCA would like to acquire land to complete the current trail and is required to have the Plan Commission weigh in on the move forward to purchase the land. He said the project would include an application for a DNR land acquisition grant. The City would be the applicant for the grant on behalf of the PCA. All lands acquired with the grant would be turned over to the City.

Motion by Miller, second by Wein to recommend the PCA move forward with the grant and land acquisition process. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote.

CODE AMENDMENT – Chapter 5 Health and Property Maintenance – City Manager Clint Langreck spoke about the challenges enforcing the current Municipal Code Chapter 5 regarding Creeping Charlie and asked for recommendations for enforcement from the Commission. Code Enforcement Inspector Jenny Rodell spoke about current practices. Public Works Director Crofoot also spoke about the request from some residents to have a “No Mow May” to help provide more food sources for pollinators. Rodell offered some options to introduce this to the city and gave examples of how surrounding cities have implemented it. The Commission said they were open to amending Chapter 5 but requested more information at the next meeting, specifically, the current cost to owners for Creeping Charlie violations, a redline copy of Chapter 5 with recommendations, and input from surrounding communities that have allowed “No Mow May”.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Wein, second by Miller to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Steffen, City Clerk