

# **THE PLAN COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2019**

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A quorum was present. Chairman Patricia Letarte, Mike Rickert, Daniel Particelli, Linda Suwalski, Teresa Badillo, Alma Montenegro, Ryan Adriatico (Planner) and Lisa Manzo (Plan Secretary). All members were present.

2. Member Badillo made a motion to accept the minutes of May 22, 2019 as presented. Member Rickert seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. New Business: Discussion of New Uses in Village Districts – Grand Avenue

Mr. Adriatico began the meeting with seating the members in a round table-like forum. The Ariel map of Grand Avenue was in the center so that the members can have a hands on view of the area in question for today's meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was a planning session so that the members can discuss and assess what uses they would like to see along Grand Avenue as far as future land uses. This input will be used and forwarded over to the new Village Consultant that will be re-writing the Zoning Code in the future.

The members had many ideas for Grand Avenue. They discussed the positive aspects to Grand Avenue, as it is a major hub of traffic that runs through the Village. The members stated that Digital Realty campus has brought vibrancy to Grand Avenue. They discussed the need for parking along Grand Avenue as it is very congested.

One business idea that was mentioned was to have an E-commerce pick-up station along Grand Avenue, for Amazon per se. Another site that was mentioned was the parking lot next to the Underpass. That would be a great space for a potential retail development. Another would be an apartment complex with doctor offices on the first floor. Also mentioned were entertainment uses along Grand Avenue, i.e. children's play center. The members mentioned the thought of an old fashioned ice cream parlor, a family restaurant, and a dry cleaners,

Mr. Adriatico stated that all the members' ideas are good and will be beneficial with the right type of anchor uses to stabilize the businesses. As a whole, Grand Avenue has many types of businesses that attract customers and residents.

5. Old Business: None.

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6. Staff Update:

Mr. Adriatico stated that at the next meeting, the members will focus on and delve into the Franklin Avenue Downtown District area.

Mr. Adriatico also stated there will be a kick-off meeting with Camiros who is going to be starting the Zoning Code Re-write.

7. Member Rickert made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Suwalski. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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