

**Joint Planning Commission Meeting**  
**The City of Hudsonville and Ottawa County**

May 20, 2015

Approved June 17, 2015

**FORMAL: Public Hearing for the City of Hudsonville Master Plan**

**INFORMAL: None**

Present: **Hudsonville:** Leatherman, Waterman, Sikkema, Van Doeselaar, VanDenBerg, Westrate, Raterink, Staal, Schmuker, Strikwerda, and Schut  
**Ottawa County:** Greg De Jong, Adam Kantrovich, Matthew Fenske, David Kraker, Nathan Pyle, Roman Wilson, Timothy Grifhorst, Paul Sachs, and Mark Knudsen  
**Nederveld:** Mark Miller

Absent: **Hudsonville:** Nesky  
**Ottawa County:** Doug Zylstra

**FORMAL SESSION:**

1. Chairman VanDenBerg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation.
3. Approval of Agenda for the May 20, 2015 meeting.
4. Introductions of the Planning Commission Members.
5. A motion was made by Pyle, with support by Fenske, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Ottawa County Planning Commission meeting.

Yeas 7, Nays 0

6. A motion was made by Staal, with support by Waterman, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 City of Hudsonville Planning Commission meeting.

Yeas 8, Nays 0

7. The following Presentations were given:

- **Overview of Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project**

Paul Sachs with Ottawa County presented.

- **Development of the City of Hudsonville Master Plan 2030**

Mark Miller with Nederveld Inc presented.

- **Implementation of the Master Plan**

Dan Strikwerda with the City of Hudsonville presented.

8. **Public Hearing – City of Hudsonville Master Plan**

Chairman VanDenBerg opened the public hearing.

- Mark Northrup – Hudsonville City Commissioner expressed his appreciation to everyone who has worked on the Master Plan and on behalf of the City Commissioners we are excited about the work and effort that's done here for the future of our city.

Chairman VanDenBerg closed the public hearing.

The following comments and discussion took place:

- How were the citizens informed of the changes being made to the Master Plan? The process was reviewed, which is found on pages 28 through 37 of the Master Plan.
- How will the public be informed of changes that are happening? The City's website, Facebook, instant messages, and email can be used when changes happen. We need to celebrate the little things that happen because in the end these changes take time.
- Approval of the food truck is an example of the implementation strategy that is in the plan and is already happening. There are two food trucks operating in the city now.
- The Mayor discussed his involvement with this process from the beginning 10 years ago. We learned through this process that it takes time to develop. Redevelopment doesn't always go in the direction you want it to go. We have kept the vision and have stayed on task.
- Has the city thought about rewarding or giving incentives to businesses or residents who follow the vision in keeping with the Master Plan? One suggestion was an annual award. The city could possibly partner with the Chamber on this.

- Raterink encouraged the city on having a vision and following through with the vision. Keep it up.
- What is the County's role? They would like to bring this to other communities and keep the partnership with Nederveld and the City of Hudsonville.
- Are there funds available from the DDA to help with this plan? Waterman reviewed the relationship between the DDA and the city. The DDA has funds that can be used towards meeting some of the goals in the Master Plan.

9. **Action Item – Hudsonville Planning Commission**

A motion was made and supported to approve the Resolution adopting the City of Hudsonville Master Plan.

Yeas 8, Nays 0

**INFORMAL SESSION**

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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