

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

APPROVED

**October 23, 2017
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
517-853-4560, Town Hall Room, 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Commissioners Lane, Cordill, Ianni, Premoe, Scott-Craig,
Tenaglia, Richards, Baruah (arrived 7:16)**

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Senior Planner Peter Menser

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Ianni called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Public Remarks-NONE

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cordill moved to approve the agenda as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Scott-Craig.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. October 9, 2017 Regular Minutes

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Scott-Craig.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Communications-NONE

6. Public hearings

A. Commission Review #17093 (Planning Commission), 2017 Master Plan Update

- Chair Ianni opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.
- Senior Planner Menser gave an overview of the Master Plan process and said minor changes have been added and published
- Chair Ianni called for public remarks
- Mr. Neil Bowlby, 6020 Beechwood, outlined some changes he felt should be made to the Master Plan's acknowledgements and gave them to Senior Planner Menser. Mr. Bowlby also expressed concerns over the Master Plan's PICA viability and lack of assessments to measure success. He remarked the Georgetown Sewer Payback area should be included in the Master Plan in the form of a map.
- Mr. Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, commented the Master Plan is not

dynamic enough. He stated he does not want to see urbanization of suburban areas. Mr. Provencher also said an important component of the Master Plan that is missing is transportation in it's various forms.

- Mr. Vance Poquette, 2226 Kent St., commented the Township is spending too many resources on a plan that is essentially unenforceable. He said the redevelopment provided by the Master Plan is not harmonious.
- Commissioner Cordill commented that the public has been very active in the formation of the Master Plan.
- Commissioner Tenaglia thanked the citizens who spoke at the public hearing for their time and input.
- Commissioner Scott-Craig said Senior Planner Menser should add his own name to the list of acknowledgements in the Master Plan. Commissioner Scott-Craig stated on Map 6 the legend should be more clear that a PA116 site is part of the Farm Preservation Act and the Bus Route Map should have the line colors changed to more accurately reflect the direction of the busses.

Commissioner Cordill moved to approve Commissioner Scott-Craig's changes to the Master Plan.

Seconded by Commissioner Baruah.

VOICE VOTE: Motion was approved unanimously

Commissioner Tenaglia moved to suspend the bylaws to allow a vote on the Master Plan during this meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Cordill

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Tenaglia, Baruah, Richards, Lane, Premoe, Cordill,
And Chair Ianni

NAYS: Commissioner Scott-Craig

Motion carries 7-1.

Commissioner Lane moved to approve the Master Plan with suggested changes.

Seconded by Commissioner Tenaglia

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Commissioners Lane, Tenaglia, Baruah, Richards, Premoe, Cordill,
Scott-Craig and Chair Ianni

NAYS: None

Motion carries 8-0.

7. Unfinished Business-NONE

8. Other Business

A. 2018 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Cordill moved to approve the 2018 Meeting Resolution as presented

Seconded by Commissioner Baruah

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved unanimously

9. Township Board, Planning Commission officer, committee chair, and staff comments or Reports

Commissioner Scott-Craig asked for an update on Shaping the Avenue.

Senior Planner Menser gave a summary of the recent meetings for Shaping the Avenue.

Commissioner Richards gave a summary of the Meridian Transportation Commission meeting held on October 26, 2017 where Redi-Ride was discussed.

10. Project Updates

- A. New Applications-NONE
- B. Site Plans Received - NONE
- C. Site Plans Approved - NONE

11. Public Remarks-None

12. Adjournment

Chair Ianni adjourned the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela M. Ryan
Recording Secretary