

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**Regular Meeting**

Call to order by Chairperson Griffis at 6:00 pm.

Present: Burack, Walton, Griffis, Rickard, Lahti, Wenc, Knoop

Absent: Harris and Blau

Also Present: Mary Babcock, Tara Dulong, Steve Roblee, Ryan Tanner

Motion by Member Walton and supported by Member Wenc to remove New Business item #2 Consider approval of the lot split from parent parcel 051-503-001-50 for the property located off Tomasi Drive. This action will go to the City Council.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Walton to approve the amended agenda.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

None

**Presentation**

Master Plan update provided by Progressive Architect and Engineers

- Add walkability under challenges – work with MDOT
- Remove “some participants also believed there is a competitive spirit between Houghton and Hancock residents – noting that this lack of regional cooperation harms the success of both communities” under challenges
- Under social trends, look at the current census and update the data to reflect this
- Check on the housing trends data, where is the data coming from
- Remove the two Capital Improvement Plan pages since it is not required
- Add something about the school and parks since it states that fewer children live in the city
- Update that the Ryan Street Community Garden has been purchased by the city
- Update the picture of Dolomite Drive
- Add goals for goals and objectives, commission will send input to Manager Babcock by January 1, 2024

**Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Motion by Member Knoop and supported by Member Rickard to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

**Updates**

Finlandia University Buildings

- 12/15/23 the city takes ownership of the buildings they purchased
- A couple bids have been received for the Jutila Center, Old Main, and parking lots
- Mannerheim not winterized, people showing interest to rent office space

MDOT Category B Grants

- Minnesota, North and Prospect Streets

**New Business**

1. Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Griffis to approve the 2024-2028 Master Plan as presented by Progressive Architect and Engineers for submittal to the Hancock City Council with updates that will be overseen by Manager Babcock.

Roll Call

Yes: Burack, Walton, Griffis, Rickard, Lahti, Wenc, Knoop

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Member Walton and supported by Member Knoop to approve lot split from parent parcel 051-236-003-00 for the Quincy Green property.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

**Adjourn**

Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Griffis to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Yes: All  
No: None  
Motion Carried

  
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 Tara Dulong, Deputy Clerk