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ALTOONA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Altoona City Planning Commission, created in March 1916, is composed of seven residents appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. The Commission is responsible for developing and updating the Comprehensive Plan, reviewing proposals that affect the development of the City, and providing a public forum that encourages participation in guiding the future of the City.

Regular Meeting of October 6, 2020, 3:00 P.M.
4th Floor Public Meeting Room, Altoona City Hall

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – The Commission will consider the approval of minutes for its September 1, 2020, meeting, which are included in the packet. No meetings have been held since then.
2. Public Comment Period – Public comment will be received at this time on all items not elsewhere on the agenda. Public comments regarding specific development projects or agenda items should be held until that point in the meeting.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

3. Smith's Welding and Fabrication -The project submission is an amendment of the Altoona City Planning Commission approval of May 6, 2010 and recorded in the office of the County of Blair, Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds May 28, 2010, by instrument number – 201008108. All required landscaping from the 2010 approval have been completed and established. The new construction would include a concrete pad of approximately 903 square feet and a proposed roof area of approximately 30' x 72". The existing gravel area of 7,129.40 square feet shall be paved. The applicant seeks approval from the Planning Commission today, no waivers have been requested. The agenda packed includes the last iteration of the plans, staff's review letters, and the Blair County Planning Commission review. A recommended resolution for approval is also included.



The Nehemiah Project, Inc. – The Nehemiah Project, working with Jeffrey S. Long, proposes to merge together 13 parcels and to vacate right-of-way of Highland Place to make a new 1.01 acre. “Parcel 1”, addressed as 1500 Eleventh Street. Fourteen townhomes are then to be constructed on “Parcel 1”. An additional five units are to be built on “Parcel 2” at 1414 Eleventh Street. The site is slope challenged and the project is hence squeezed against Eleventh Street. Stormwater may be an issue. The front yard parking encroaches on the city’s right-of-way for Eleventh Street, let alone the five-foot setback. The plans would have cars backing out onto Eleventh Street. This project is a much needed development for this area and would up grade the housing stock for which the City of Altoona needs. The applicant seeks six waivers from the Planning Commission with approval today. The agenda packet includes the last iteration of the plans, staff’s review letters, and the Blair County Planning Commission review. A recommended resolution for approval is also included with the requested waivers, which will be reviewed individually.

4. Staff Level Reviews – Staff has approved the following staff level subdivision/land development applications since the September 1, 2020, regular meeting.
 1. 1107 4th Avenue – Subdivision – Bryan – Final Approval

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT

5. Spot Blight Declaration – The Altoona City Planning Commission will consider declaring the following properties blighted for potential demolition.
 1. 1914 5th Avenue
 2. 2024 5th Avenue
 3. 1800 6th Avenue
 4. 2019 11th Avenue
 5. 1609 17th Avenue
 6. 2409 Oak Avenue
 7. 2409 Oak Avenue Rear
 8. 202-204 Willow Avenue

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Planning Report
 1. Grantsmanship activities
 2. Zoning Hearing Board report
 3. Shade Tree Commission report
 4. GAEDC report
 5. Blair County Planning Commission report

7. Commissioner Forum

8. Questions from the Media and the Public

9. Adjournment