

MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY OF HOUGHTON PLANNING COMMISSION
PARKING DECK COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

By remote participation in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020.

PRESENT: Tom Merz, Eric Waara, Mike Needham, and Dan Liebau.

Also present: Clerk Ann Vollrath, Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Jepsen, Frank Fiala, Alan Kiley, Grant Dossetto, Garrett Neese, Norma Veurink, Bill Leder, Sharon Levine, Karen Van Dyke, Theresa Coleman-Kaiser, Mary Merz, Virginia Cole, Jen Julien, Craig Waddell, Gretchen Janssen, Jeffrey Henquinet, Carrie Lentowich, Jesse Wiederholm, Shawn Christensen, Kristine Weidner, and other members of the community.

OPPORTUNITY
FOR PUBLIC:

Frank Fiala expressed concerns about objectivity of the members of the commission. He asked the members to be open minded when adding committee members from the public. He also asked that there be public comment allowed before and after the business at the committee meetings.

BUSINESS: The following appointments were made:

Tom Merz, Chairperson
Dan Liebau, Vice Chairperson
Mike Needham, Secretary

The members decided that Mike Needham will make the committee reports to the planning commission. Dan Liebau will make the reports if Mike is unavailable.

Commission meetings will be held at 12:00 noon on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at noon.

The members agreed to recommend the planning commission ask the council to authorize hiring the National Charrette Institute through Michigan State University to facilitate a virtual Charrette Ready Workshop to produce a community engagement process.

The members agreed that citizen participation will need to be discussed with thought given to the qualifications of the representatives and what viewpoints the committee would like to have.

Members also agreed they will need to define the scope of the committee and they will need to create a loose schedule of what to do and when.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Mike Needham, Secretary