

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO**  
**6:00 P.M. - TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014**  
**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX**  
**COMMISSION CHAMBERS - 201 W. WATER STREET**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Comments                      Opening Remarks

Chairman Spoltman outlined the meeting procedures that will be followed by the Planning Commission.

2. Roll Call                              Clerk Calls the Roll

Present: Mr. Oda, Mr. Spoltman, Mr. Koenig, Mr. Taylor

Absent: Ms. Pearson

Ms. Pearson's absence was excused by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion: Mr. Oda

Second: Mr. Taylor

Voice Vote: 4-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

3. Meeting Minutes                      January 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Mr. Koenig

Second: Mr. Oda

Voice Vote: 4-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. Resolution PC 1-14                      A Resolution nominating and electing the Planning Commission Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson for the 2014 calendar year

The nomination of Mr. Oda to serve as Vice Chair and Mr. Koenig to serve as Chair were unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion to appoint the nominees as presented was approved.

Motion: Mr. Spoltman

Second: Mr. Taylor

Roll Call Vote: 3-0

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Aye - Koenig, Taylor, Spoltman

Abstain - Oda

5. Resolution PC 2-14      A Resolution recommending the Planning Commission appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the 2014 calendar year

The nomination of Mr. Oda to serve as the Planning Commission representative on the Board of Zoning Appeals was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Mr. Taylor

Second: Mr. Koenig

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Aye - Koenig, Taylor, Spoltman, Oda

6. Resolution PC 3-14      A Resolution recommending the Planning Commission appointment to the Housing Council for the 2014 calendar year

The nomination of Mr. Taylor to serve as the Planning Commission representative on the Housing Council was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Mr. Oda

Second: Mr. Koenig

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Aye - Koenig, Taylor, Spoltman, Oda

7. Resolution PC 4-14      Riverfront Development Strategy

Mr. Schmiesing provided an overview of the planning process and the findings and recommendations of the study.

Mr. Oda commented that the rendering seems to show the levee being removed near Lock Nine Park and asked if there are any proposed modifications to the levee system as part of what is being proposed. Mr. Schmiesing indicated that modifications impacting the location or elevation of the levee are not proposed as part of the vision presented and noted that illustrators sometimes minimize existing conditions when attempting to highlight the features of the vision being presented.

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Mr. Koenig questioned the accuracy of the graphic depicting the bike trail as incomplete between Piqua and Troy. Mr. Schmiesing will see to it that the graphic is corrected if it is indeed inaccurate.

Mr. Oda noted there is additional information about the history of the properties discussed in the study that might be helpful to include in future materials describing the properties.

A motion to recommend the adoption of the Riverfront Development Strategy was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Mr. Oda

Second: Mr. Koenig

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Aye - Koenig, Taylor, Spoltman, Oda

8. Resolution PC 5-14 Economic Development Strategic Plan

Mr. Schmiesing provided an overview of the planning process and the findings and recommendations of the study.

There was a brief discussion about the value and benefits of engaging a broad cross section of the community in implementing the plan, and focusing on quality of life as a means for attracting entrepreneurs, businesses, and a skilled workforce to the community.

Mr. Koenig asked who would be responsible for funding the initiatives outlined in the plan document. Mr. Schmiesing explained that the City of Piqua Economic Development Department would be the primary agency responsible for the actions suggested in the document and that they would be working closely with other agencies identified as being important to the successful implementation of a particular action item. Mr. Schmiesing commented that while local government may be the logical funding source for many of the items, ultimately community leaders and elected officials will decide how to fund the efforts deemed necessary.

A motion to recommend the adoption of the Economic Development Strategic Plan was approved by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Mr. Koenig

Second: Mr. Oda

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

9. River Summit                      March 14, 2014 River Summit at UD

Mr. Schmiesing provided an overview of the River Summit and noted that a large contingency of community leaders will be representing Piqua at the Summit this year. Mr. Schmiesing commented that the Summit is a good primer for the discussions in the community regarding the riverfront development possibilities and noted that the Summit is an annual event well worth the time to attend and invited Planning Commission members to consider attending the event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.