Planning Board Meeting
(meeting is being recorded)

On Tuesday, June 23, 2015 the Holyoke Planning Board held a Public Meeting in the 4th Floor Conference Room, City Hall Annex, Holyoke City Hall, Holyoke, MA 01040 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Planning Board		**Planning Staff**	
Mimi Panitch	Chairman	Marcos Marrero.....	Director
Christian LaChapelle.....	Vice-Chairman	Jeffrey Burkott	Principal Planner
John Kelley	Member	Claire Ricker	Senior Planner
Eileen Regan	Member		

OPEN
At 6:00 p.m., MIMI PANITCH called for a motion to open the Planning Board meeting. A motion was made by JOHN KELLEY and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPELLE. The motion carried 4-0.

PLANNING BOARD BUSINESS

A) Project Updates/Old Business/New Business

- Holyoke Medical Center SPR – a new 40,000 square foot Emergency Room facility and additional site improvements was anticipated in August.
- Gary Rome Hyundai – a Site Plan Review for the Whiting Farms Road location was expected in August.
- Marcotte Ford – A letter was forthcoming outlining the proposed changes at the Main Street site.
- Pride – Activity has begun at the Dwight Street location.
- Holyoke Hotel – A meeting was anticipated early next week to receive updates.
- U. S. Tsubaki – The Building Commissioner was still waiting for completion of the Notice of Decision; Attorney Marty Dunn has been retained.
- Taxpayers Association – John Kelley complimented the presentation at the Taxpayers Association meeting by Marcos Marrero that well represented Holyoke's redevelopment progress.
- Automania – Funding has been completely secured as an $85,000 Grant was recently received from MassDev.
- Preservation Plan – A scope of work to update the Preservation Plan would be submitted to Mass Historic.
- Downtown Bike Plan – A scope of work to create a downtown bike plan would be submitted to the PVPC.

B) Meeting Schedule

The next meetings scheduled were:
July 14, 2015 – Joint Public Hearing: Amend the SC Zone & Create SC Zone for Large Scale Districts
July 28, 2015 - Joint Public Hearing: Parking as a Principal Use in the Downtown Zones.

C) Minutes

There were no minutes to come before the Board.

D) Other Business

MIMI PANITCH noted that a "widely incoherent" decision was handed down from the Supreme Court striking down Lt. Gilberts Sign Ordinance. She expressed that Holyoke's City Solicitor Kara Cunha should better understand the ruling as it relates to regulating signs (political, tag sales, etc.).

E) Correspondence

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

Recess
At 6:18 p.m., MIMI PANITCH called for a motion to RECESS the Planning Board meeting for the purpose of opening up the zone change Public Hearing regarding "Regulating Parking Areas and Vehicle Types". A motion was made by CHRIS LACHAPELLE and seconded by EILEEN REGAN. The motion carried 4-0.

Resume
At 6:39 p.m., MIMI PANITCH called for a motion to RESUME the Planning Board meeting. A motion was made by CHRIS LACHAPELLE and seconded by EILEEN REGAN. The motion carried 4-0.

ZONE CHANGE/ SITE PLAN REVIEW/ SUBDIVISION /SPECIAL PERMIT

1. **Zone Change Petition Continuation – Parking as Principal Use by Special Permit**
   A motion was made by JOHN KELLEY and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPELLE to recommend "Leave to Withdraw without Prejudice" to the Ordinance Committee of the City Council The motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Planning Board, MIMI PANITCH, at 6:40 p.m., called for a motion to close the Planning Board Meeting. A motion was made by EILEEN REGAN and seconded by CHRIS LACHAPELLE. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

~~Mark Jay~~, Secretary