

**Town of La Pointe
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Thursday February 9, 2023
4 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Alex Nelson (Chair), Charley Brummer, Jane Vogt, Michael Collins
Members absent: Dan Bartholomay, Sarah Caruso and Sally North
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Alex Nelson.

2. Public Comment #1

None

3. Minutes to be considered for approval:

A. January 26, 2023

Motion by Jane to approve above minutes, seconded by Michael C, all ayes.

Motion carried.

4. Public Hearing Promotion

Discussion on ways to promote the TPC Public Hearing on 3/29/23 @ 5pm.

Consensus to promote in the Island Gazette article, Town's website, fliers, outreach by committee members to community organizations, text alerts. Charlie asked if a Class II notice is required, Michael K will check with Town Clerk. Discussion on whether to have remote access or promote with bulk mailing.

5. Committee Member Action Step Draft Discussion

A copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan must be available to the public by 3/15/23.

Michael K will start drafting with the topics he has received so far.

- Jane Vogt – Uniform, comprehensive enforcement of Zoning Ordinances
Discussion on how communication and education would resolve many misunderstandings about enforcement, compliance and complaint issues.
Discussion on draft rental ordinance revision in the works; Michael will send copies to committee members.
- Alex Nelson – Dialogue between Town, Museum, tribes on presence of Anishinaabe culture, activities, people on island. Role of Museum, Friends of Museum, MIHPA in preserving and promoting island's heritage and historical places. Succession concerns about MIHPA. Discussion on how to form better relationships with the tribes, especially on government-to-government level and understanding needs/wants of the tribes in land uses on island.
- Sally North -Wetlands protection in enshrined in Zoning Ordinance; consensus that the plan show this is a priority and should remain so.

- Michael Collins –
 - Improve the appearance, diversity, reliability and customer relations skills of businesses in the commercial zone.
 - Create space for commercial oriented development.
 - Formal mentoring and succession planning.
 - Presence of and opportunities for artists to thrive.

Discussion on the Chamber’s role in implementing/facilitating customer relations training and mentoring/succession planning, perhaps as a benefit of membership. TPC should look into worth of extending areas for commercial development. Importance of communication among art businesses to work together instead of viewing each other as competitors.

- Charley Brummer – Tighten & clarify guidelines and enforcement on where to allow business activities outside commercial zone.
 Consensus for TPC to understand the current inventory of land, space and demand in C-1 zone, is there a problem? Expand/encourage home occupations. If need for commercial zone expansion, restrict to locations close to town and infrastructure; possibly minor extension in area bounded by Middle Road, Penny Lane, Mondamin, marina.

6. Implementation/Accountability Discussion

Discussion on making sure long-term accountability and parties responsible for implementation are drafted into each recommendation.

7. Public Comment #2

None

8. Set next meeting and agenda

Next regular meeting scheduled for 2/23/23 at 4 pm

9. Adjourn

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
 Minutes approved as presented 2/23/23.