

AGENDA

City of Alpena Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 26, 2015 Special CIP Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION:

None

BUSINESS:

- 1) Food Truck Ordinance
- 2) Downtown Infrastructure Grant (DIG) Program

COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS:

1. Update on Planning and Development Projects
2. Redevelopment Ready Community Program
3. Recreation Plan Update
4. ZBA Update

CALL TO PUBLIC:

MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES

City of Alpena Planning Commission
Joint CIP Meeting
February 26, 2015
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The joint meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 6 p.m. by Randy Boboltz, Planning Commission Vice-Chair.

ROLL CALL: PLANNING COMMISSION

Present: VanWagoner, Boboltz, Hunter, Mitchell, Gilmore, Dort, Heraghty

Absent: Lewis, Sabourin

Staff: Adam Poll (Director of Planning & Development), Vickie Roznowski (Recording Secretary), Greg Sundin (City Manager), Rich Sullenger (City Engineer), Karen Hebert (Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director), Steve Shultz (Assistant City Engineer & IT Coordinator), Mike Glowinski (United Water), Jeff Shea (City Assessor), Joel Jett (Police Chief), Bill Forbush (Fire Chief), Mike Mahler (Downtown Development Authority)

Council: Waligora, Sexton, Nielsen, Nowak, Johnson

2016-2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):

The Planning Commission and the Municipal Council met to hear the Capital Improvement Plan for 2016-2021. All department heads presented their report to the Planning Commission and city Council and answered questions.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Motion made by Dort, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the 2016-2021 CIP with changes as presented and forward to Council for adoption.

Ayes: Boboltz, Hunter, Mitchell, Gilmore, Dort, Heraghty, VanWagoner

Nays: None.

Absent: Lewis, Sabourin

Motion passed: 7-2

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. by Vice-Chair Boboltz.

Wayne Lewis, Secretary

Poll, Adam

From: Bryan Dort <bryandort@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 8:44 PM
To: Poll, Adam
Cc: Paul; Dort, Lesslee
Subject: Food Trucks

Adam,

While researching other city's issues with food trucks, I noticed that a common theme was surfacing...limiting food trucks in the vicinity of schools. I guess this would only effect AHS and ACC, but it may be something that we want to add to the ordinance with the input of the APS Superintendent, and the Alpena Community College administration.

On one hand, I want to say, no ordinance at all; let them come. On the other, I think we need to be ahead of the issue and create a reasonable ordinance that not only encourages food trucks, but also does not alienate our brick and mortar, tax-paying establishments.

Just a thought, but it may be wise to establish "Food Truck Only Parking Spots" in our public parking areas in the DDA to simplify the areas that food trucks can be located downtown. This would encourage food trucks while limiting the distances from restaurants.

One last thought, Marquette is currently going through the process with their DDA and have scheduled a public comment meeting this month to discuss it. While Marquette is larger than Alpena, it may be a good idea to follow their progress and request the results of their public comment meetings. Here is a link to the news story: <http://abc10up.com/food-truck-ordinance-discussions-scheduled/>

Thanks for your time.

Bryan

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Bryan Dort
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cc: Lesslee Dort, Alpena DDA Executive Director
Paul Sabourin, Alpena Planning Commission Chairman

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MEDC announces 2014 downtown infrastructure grants for Michigan communities

Friday, February 28, 2014

[Kathy Fagan \[mailto:fagank@michigan.org?subject=MEDC announces 2014 downtown infrastructure grants for Michigan communities\]](mailto:fagank@michigan.org?subject=MEDC%20announces%202014%20downtown%20infrastructure%20grants%20for%20Michigan%20communities)
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LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Economic Development Corporation today announced Michigan Strategic Fund [approval of \\$7,600,176 in Downtown Infrastructure Grant \(DIG\) program funds \[cm/files/MSF-DIG-press-release-28FEB14.pdf\]](#) to 14 Michigan communities for public infrastructure improvements.

“These grants will improve Michigan downtowns and spur additional economic growth in the surrounding areas,” said Gov. Rick Snyder. “The DIG program helps make our communities more attractive for investments that create places where people want to live, work and play.”

The communities will provide a total of \$2,715,620 in matching funds. All of the projects are located in traditional downtowns, will be completed by December 31, 2014 and will support reactivation of public spaces and incorporate design elements.

The MSF received 45 applications requesting a total of \$18 million with a total of \$5.5 million in matching funds and additional \$1 million in leveraged funds.

The communities chosen for awards today are the City of Boyne City, City of Big Rapids, City of Durand, City of Ewart, City of Harrison, City of Ithaca, City of Lapeer, City of Olivet, City of Owosso, City of West Branch, Township of Michigamme, Village of Constantine, Village of Kalkaska and the Village of Mattawan (additional details below).

"The DIG program provides communities with a chance to grow and attract new business development in the downtown districts," said MEDC President and CEO Michael A. Finney. "We look forward to working closely with these communities to contribute to their success."

DIG, a Community Development Block Grant program, provides public infrastructure improvement funding to projects located in a traditional downtown. The program is intended for Michigan non-entitlement communities – specifically low to moderate income communities that do not receive funding directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Projects must benefit the entire community to be eligible for the funding.

The MEDC Community Assistance Team members, along with state legislators, will be holding check presentations today in each of the respective communities.

Pure Michigan is a brand representing business, talent and tourism initiatives across Michigan. These efforts are driven by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which serves as the state's marketing arm and lead advocate for business growth, jobs and opportunity with a focus on helping grow Michigan's economy.

For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit [michiganbusiness.org](http://www.michiganbusiness.org) [<http://www.michiganbusiness.org>]. For Michigan travel news, updates and information, visit [michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org) [<http://www.michigan.org>].

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