



City of Pleasant Ridge
23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

Regular Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2015

Having been duly publicized, Chairman Bolach called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Bolach, Christensen, Decoster, Laidlaw, Lenko, McAuliffe, McCutcheon,
O'Brien, and Schlesinger
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman
Absent: None

Minutes

PC-2015-1512

Motion by O'Brien, second by Schlesinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Planning Commission Meeting held Monday, June 8, 2015.

Adopted: Yeas: O'Brien, Schlesinger Bolach, Christensen, Decoster, Laidlaw, Lenko,
McAuliffe, McCutcheon.
Nays: None

Woodward/I-696 Complete Streets Study

City Manager Breuckman reported that the City Commission approved the Complete Streets Ordinance and a Complete Streets Plan will be adopted for the City. The Woodward/I-696 study will be part of that plan and approved in three parts. The portion for approval this evening focuses on the intersection of Woodward and I-696 study as prepared by Gibbs. There will be recommendations that focus on the Pleasant Ridge portion of Woodward Avenue coming from the complete study that entails Woodward Avenue from Detroit to Pontiac. The last portion will consist of local green streets/complete streets manual. The two issues for local streets are ponding (from standing rain water) and traffic speed.

PC-2015-1513

Motion by O'Brien, second by Schlesinger, to adopt the Woodward/I-696 Complete Streets Study as the first component of the Pleasant Ridge Complete Streets Plan.

Adopted: Yeas: O'Brien, Schlesinger Bolach, Christensen, Decoster, Laidlaw, Lenko,
McAuliffe, McCutcheon.
Nays: None

Update on Traffic Calming Pilot Project on the Ridge Road/Oakland Park Intersections

City Breuckman explained that the focus of this project was the speeding cars on Ridge that were mainly going through the city, which was part of the Woodward/I-696 study. A traffic and speed counter box studied Ridge and the report is in the packet. The average speed on Ridge was 28 mph with 3,500 cars per day; Woodward Heights was 26 mph. Oxford has 1,100 cars per day. Ridge has 13-foot lanes, wherein a state byway has 12-foot lanes. Most streets in Pleasant Ridge are 27 feet wide and only parking allowed on one side of the street. Years ago, parking was allowed on both sides of the street and this is an option being considered in order to slow traffic down. Breuckman presented a PowerPoint with sample intersections and roads that included flower boxes/planters, brick pavers, bumping out curb areas, and a small roundabout intersection throughout various roads in Pleasant Ridge. The plan is try out temporary settings and study the traffic speeds before making anything permanent. An edge line may be painted out approximately 3 feet on streets to form a bike lane area. Ridge could even have a 6-foot bike lane to allow cross traffic of bikes on one side. Discussion held. Bolach suggested that more gateways be added in major intersections to add beauty to the city, and that bike lanes should be larger than 3 feet. Breuckman added that any modifications will be reviewed with engineers before being finalized and could begin this fall for implementation.

With no further business, Chairman Bolach adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.