



MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION

Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.

Ludington Center, 101 N. Superior St., Albion, Michigan 49224

I CALL TO ORDER (Reminder: turn off cell phones)

Mayor Snyder called the Joint Study Session of the Albion City Council and Planning Commission to order at 9:14 a.m.

II ROLL CALL of the Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION: Commissioners V Snyder; S Kipp; T Pitt; S Ponds; L Reid; J Verbeke and Chair G Strander

ABSENT: A Amos and M Lelle

ALBION CITY COUNCIL: Vicky Clark (1); Lenn Reid (2); Nora Jackson (3); Marcola Lawler (4); Linda LaNoue (5) and Mayor Snyder

ABSENT: Shane Williamson (6)

ADMINISTRATION: Haley Snyder, City Manager; Cullen Harkness, City Attorney; Ian Arnold, Planning & Building Director and Jill Domingo, City Clerk

III Order of Business

A. DISCUSSION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Director of Planning & Building Arnold stated the Comprehensive Plan is a state requirement to operate as a City and also provides RRC and grant opportunities. The plan should set priorities and goals for the City.

Strengths:

- Resilient people
- Resourceful
- Natural Resources
 - Parks
 - River
 - Trail System
- Small Town & Industrial Businesses
- Location
- Neighborhoods
- Culture
 - Friendly
- Strong Liberal Arts
 - Albion College
 - Jobs
 - Youth Camps/Programs
 - Community Involvement
- Infrastructure
- Kellogg Community College (KCC)
- Jackson Community College (JCC)

Weaknesses:

- Environmental Contaminants
- Institutional Racism
- Lack of Shared Vision
- Internet Quality
 - Outages
 - No Options
- Lack of Fiber Infrastructure
- Homelessness
 - No Support
- Programming for All Ages
- Lack of Local School System
 - Few Opportunities
 - Long Commute
- Transportation Resources
- Child Care
- Food Desert
- Location

Opportunities:

- Location
- Leveraging Partnerships

- Albion College
- Small Businesses
- Community Organizations
- Community Connectivity
- Financial Position

Threats:

- Hopelessness
- Workforce
- Lack of Support Services
 - Addiction Treatment
- Transportation
- Shrinking Foundation
- Financial Position

Action Steps:

- HARA-Programs for Housing, Rental Assistance for Homelessness (Federal Funds)
- Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Checklist

Comments were received from Council Members Clark, Reid, Jackson, Lawler and LaNoue; Mayor Snyder; Commissioners J Verbeke, S Kipp, S Ponds, T Pitt and Chair G Strander; City Manager Snyder; Director of Planning & Building Arnold and City Attorney Harkness.

IV ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Verbeke

Adjourn Joint Albion City Council and Planning Commission Study Session

Mayor Snyder adjourned the Albion City Council and Planning Commission Study Session at 10:59 a.m.

	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
Verbeke Commissioner	x			
Snyder Mayor	x			
Ponds Commissioner	x			
Lelle Commissioner				x
Pitt Commissioner	x			

Kipp Chief Public Safety/Commissioner	x			
Reid (2)	x			
Strander Chairman	x			
Amos Commissioner				x
	7	0	0	2

Carried

Jill A. Domingo, City Clerk