

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO  
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, April 18, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

Valeriano Gomez, President  
William Allen, Vice-President  
Lilia Ramos, Secretary  
Joanne Moricz, Commissioner  
Chanthini Fowler, Commissioner  
Douglas Sloss, Commissioner  
Grayling Gordon, Commissioner  
Lydia Lopez, Commissioner  
Stacy Winfield, Commissioner

STAFF:

Joseph Allegretti  
Douglas Powers

Reported for Fissinger & Associates, Ltd.

By: Peggy S. LaLonde, CSR RPR

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present in Chambers: William Allen,  
Lilia Ramos, Joanne Moricz, Douglas Sloss,  
Stacy Winfield, Lydia Lopez, Grayling Gordon

STAFF - Present in Chambers: Richard Morrisroe  
Douglas Powers

MR. ALLEN: I will be conducting the meeting tonight. Mr. Gomez is not available.

First on the agenda, we have approval of minutes of the regular meeting, Monday, April 4, 2022. Entertain a motion to approve as written.

MR. SLOSS: So moved.

MS. RAMOS: Second.

MR. ALLEN: Roll call.

Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
Opposed: None

MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.

Next we have the City Planner's report.

1 MR. POWERS: Thank you, Commissioners.  
2 Today we are talking about the Indiana Citizen Planner,  
3 Chapter 7, which incorporated the Comprehensive Plan,  
4 besides that being the next chapter on our agenda. It's  
5 a good point in time to discuss it because, as you know,  
6 we have been drafting the RFP for the Comprehensive Plan  
7 to allow for future updates, besides the Comprehensive  
8 Plan being major focus on a lot of public hearing  
9 decisions, such as variances, along with economic  
10 incentives.

11 I Just want to mention a couple  
12 other things that we may not necessarily think about all  
13 the time. Planning offers many benefits for the  
14 community and it's residents. It lowers taxes, helps  
15 local government provide services efficiently, assures  
16 the developer pays their fair share of improvement, such  
17 as streets, utilities, and parks and recreation  
18 development to areas with such capacity to support it,  
19 i.e., new subdivision and location where there are  
20 available industry where utilities are available; also  
21 coordinate development on future capital expenditures,  
22 such as streets, sewage treatment plants, civic  
23 buildings, and schools.

24 Allows for remedies for poorly  
25 planned development, such as purchasing right-of-way or  
easements, or widening streets, or extending utilities  
and protect property values, preserve and enhances  
community character and improves quality of life. Gets  
the adjacent uses compatible, makes the community  
healthy, provides for safe streets and sidewalks,  
prevents unwise development; such as residents in flood  
hazard areas or subdivision without sewage disposal,  
protection of environmental quality.

So, these are a few of the things  
that I just want to discuss beyond what the  
Comprehensive Plan is and what we have discussed in the  
past. This helps with zoning ordinances in determining  
use as I mentioned, that aren't permitted by right as to  
where those recommendations provided by the BZA go to  
the Common Council for a final determination of approval  
or denial, along with any rezoning requests as well.

Does anyone have any questions for  
me about the Comprehensive Plan for the contents of this  
chapter? (None)

Thank you, Commissioners.

MR. ALLEN: Thank you. Moving on to Old  
Business. No Old Business.

Are there any Commissioner comments?

1 (None) Any comments from the public? (None)  
Our next meeting is going to be  
2 Monday, May 2, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.  
Is there a motion for adjournment?

3 MS. WINFIELD: Make a motion.

4 MR. GORDON: Second.

5 MR. ALLEN: Roll call.

6 Roll Call: "All in Favor": All Abstain: None  
7 Opposed: None

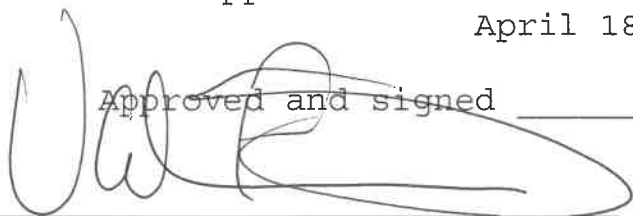
8 MR. ALLEN: Motion carries.  
Thank you everybody. Meeting  
9 adjourned.

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Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Monday  
April 18, 2022

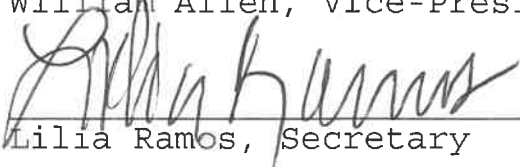
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Valeriano Gomez, President



William Allen, Vice-President



Lilia Ramos, Secretary

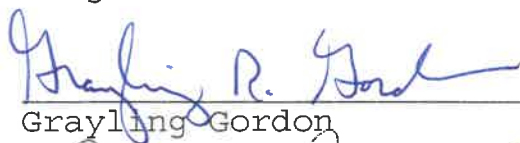


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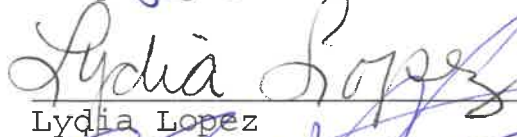


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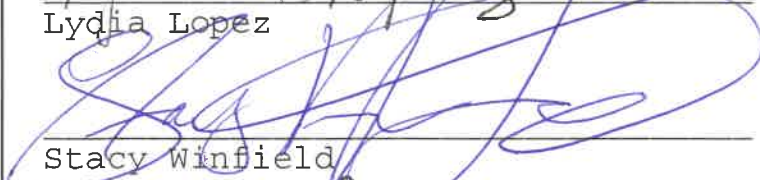
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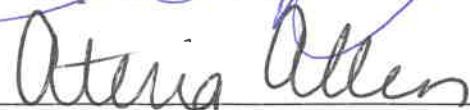
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Peggy S. LaLonde, a competent and duly qualified court reporter, do hereby certify that I did report in machine shorthand the foregoing proceedings and that my shorthand notes so taken at said time and place were thereafter reduced to typewriting under my personal direction.

I further certify that the foregoing typewritten transcript constitutes minutes of the said proceedings taken at said time and place, so ordered to be transcribed.

Dated at Munster, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2022.

*Peggy S. LaLonde*

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