

Draft MINUTES
MEETING OF THE OAK PARK PLAN COMMISSION
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
August 25, 2020
7:00 p.m.

A recording of this meeting is available on the Village of Oak Park Website: <https://www.oak-park.us/your-government/citizen-commissions/commission-tv>

PRESENT: Commissioners; Jeff Clark, Jeff Foster, Lawrence Brozek, Iris Sims, Paul May, Tom Gallagher and Nick Bridge.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Joseph Flowers

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Failor - Village Planner and Gregory Smith – Plan Commission Attorney

Roll Call - Roll was called at 7:02pm. A quorum was present.

Acting Chairperson Consideration/Vote: Due to the term expiration of the chairperson, Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve Commissioner Iris Sims as the acting chairperson until such a time when a chair is appointed. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote as follows: Commissioners; Foster–yes, Gallagher–yes, Clark–yes, Brozek–no, Bridge–yes, May–yes and Sims–yes.

Non-Agenda Public Participation – David Mann, former Plan Commission Chairperson, spoke to his tenure on the commission and noted the Plan Commission’s accomplishments during his time as a commissioner then chair. Mr. Mann complimented the commission on their dedication and hard work throughout the years. He complemented our plan commission attorneys; current (Smith) and previous (Karaca), and complemented village staff – Planner Failor and Director Grossman.

Approval of Minutes –May 28, 2020; Approved as written. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Commissioner Gallagher seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote as follows: Commissioners; Foster–yes, Gallagher- yes, Clark–yes, Brozek–yes, Bridge–yes, May–yes and Acting Chairperson Sims–yes

Public Hearing; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: PC 2020-02; The Petitioner seeks an amendment to Article 2 (“Definitions and Rules of Measurement”), Section 2.3 (“Definitions”) of the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance to a definition for *Temporary Educational Day Camp – Remote Learning* and, an amendment to Article 8 (“Uses”), Table 8-1 (“Use Matrix”) of the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance to allow a temporary education day camp – remote learning facility as a permitted use in multiple residential and commercial zoning districts and, an amendment to Article 8 (“Uses”), Section 8.5 (“Temporary Use Standards”) of the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance to add a new subsection 8.5(I) to provide for standards for the issuance of a temporary use permit for a temporary education day camp – remote learning facility.

Planner Failor provided an overview of the application based on the staff report.

The Plan Commission asked questions of Ms. Amy O’Rourke with Hephzibah Home who initiated the educational day camp idea with Village Staff. Ms. O’Rourke stated the reasoning behind the need for this use in our community is due to the current remote learning requirements imposed by the local school districts. Hephzibah hopes to provide several remote learning areas within our community using vacant or underutilized commercial and institutional locations.

Commissioner Bridge made a motion to recommend approval of the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. Roll Call Vote as follows: Commissioners; Bridge–yes, Gallagher- yes, Clark–yes, Brozek-yes, Foster–yes, May–yes and Acting Chairperson Sims–yes

Other Business

Planner Failor provided updates on pending applications.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. – Motioned by Commissioner Gallagher, Seconded by Commissioner Foster. Roll Call Vote as follows: Commissioners; Gallagher–yes, Foster- yes, Clark–yes, Brozek-yes, Bridge–yes, May–yes and Acting Chairperson Sims–yes

Prepared by: Craig Failor, Village Planner / Staff Liaison