

**WALKER PLANNING COMMISSION  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:00 p.m. 701 Elm Avenue Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room**

- 1. Call to Order** 6:02 p.m. by Chair Wilkening.

**Roll Call-**

Members Present: Gary Wilkening, Annie McMurrin, Rich Hansen

Public:

Staff: Pamela Smith

Absent: Char Moore

- 2. Additions or deletions to agenda.**

None.

- 3. Announcements by Chair.**

Wilkening reminded the Board that after the new Council is sworn in at the beginning of the year the Planning Commission would not be able to have 3 active Councilmembers serving on the board at once. Starting January we will be losing one current member of the Planning Commission. He encourages the board to help recruit community members to serve on this committee.

- 4. M/S McMurrin/Hansen to recommend approval of Minutes for October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.  
Motion passed (3-0)**

- 5. Planning/Zoning –Report for October 2016.**

The Board discussed the valuation based fees that are collected for the building permits. Some of the valuations seem extremely low for the work being performed. They questioned if fees were collected on the valuation of the materials or what the actual value of the work is? Chair Wilkening requested staff to talk with the City Building Inspector, Guy Sharpe to clarify this.

- 6. 6:05 Public Hearing-Public comment of Ordinance 2016-12 an Ordinance adding and amending regulations to Chapter 95 Entitled ‘Nuisances’ and Chapter 96 Entitled ‘Property Maintenance’**

Public hearing opened at 6:11 pm.

No public comments or questions were heard.

Public hearing closed at 6:12 pm.

- 7. M/S Hansen/McMurrin to recommend the adoption of Ordinance 2016-12 (Nuisances/Property Maintenance)  
Motion passed (3-0)**

**8. The Board recommends approval of the recommended changes of the Comprehensive Plan:**

- **Page 25, Goals, Number 9-**Identify city-owned, platted lots currently *unused*. ~~used for public parking or other uses.~~— Develop a strategy for converting each to commercial or other uses when it would help achieve the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.
- **Page 28, Challenges, Number 1-** The lakeside park is not *as* easily accessible *as it should be.* ~~by pedestrians or even by car.~~ This limits the spontaneous value of the park as a public gathering space and requires much of the limited area to be dedicated to parking.
- **Page 30, Goals, Policies and Strategies, Number 2-** Construct a new public library. ~~at the City's lakeside park so as to help promote the park as a gathering space and improve pedestrian-oriented connections between public spaces and the commercial areas on the eastern edge of downtown.~~
- **Page 30, Goals, Policies and Strategies, Addition of Number 3-**Help promote the park as a gathering space and improve pedestrian-oriented connections between public spaces and the commercial areas on the eastern edge of downtown.

**9. Chair Wilkening adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.**