Whitehall Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2019

Present
B. Armstrong, D. Bedau, T. Cabala, J. Guzman, C. Mahoney, S. Salter

Also Present
Zoning Administrator S. Huebler, City Attorney R. Sweeting, City Clerk B. Bourdon

Absent
D. Bowyer, D. Hillebrand, V. Irby

Call to Order
Chair Bedau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda
Motion by Cabala, seconded by Guzman, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes.

Minutes
Motion by Salter, supported by Cabala CARRIED, to approve the January 15, 2019 minutes as submitted. All ayes.

Communications
City Attorney Sweeting presented a working outline of Recreational Marihuana Facilities to assist the Commission in understanding and communicating back to him what direction they would like to go.

Public Comment
Randy Artibee, Lakewood Road, spoke in favor of medical and recreational facilities that follow state regulations and encouraged the commission to consider safety issues.

Brian Hansen, addressed the safety comment by stating that the state would require testing on the product.

Sweeting commented that medical marihuana regulations are already in place and recreational would likely follow those regulations including safety.

Norm Kittleson asked the numbers from the newsletter survey. Huebler reported of the 135 respondents, 89 were against and 46 were for. Further broken down, 71% of residents opposed retail establishments; however, 73% (15 respondents) of business owners were in favor.
Roger Squiers, Tugleywood, cautioned planning to “dip a toe” in rather than jump right in because so much is unknown.

Unfinished Business
A. Recreational Marihuana

Motion by Mahoney, seconded by Guzman, CARRIED, to refer the final disposition of allowing or prohibiting recreational marihuana facilities to the City Council without recommendations. All ayes.

New Business
A. Meeting Schedule

Motion by Salter, seconded by Armstrong, CARRIED, to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for 2019 as presented. All ayes.

B. Comprehensive Master Plan Update
Huebler explained that as part of being certified for the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, we are required to perform an annual review of the Comprehensive Master Plan. Presented in the packet was an update on the implementation schedule. No action was required.

Adjournment
Motion by Armstrong, seconded by Guzman, CARRIED, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. All ayes.