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The City of Bloomington Plan Commission (PC) met on March 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers #115. Members present: Cibor, Kappas, Sandberg, Maritano, Kinzie, Wisler, Hoffmann, Enright-Randolph.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None at this time.

### **REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Trohn Enright-Randolph expressed gratitude to Andrew Cibor and Neil Kopper for their work at the recent Road School in West Lafayette, IN.

Terri Porter thanked everyone for being here for the special meeting to vote on the approval of the Comprehensive Plan. She specifically thanked former council member Piedmont-Smith, Scott Robinson (Planning Services Director), and Amelia Lewis (City Planner) for their hard work on the project.

### **PETITIONS:**

- MP-12-17      **Adoption of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Bloomington**  
The City Council reviewed, revised, and approved a final version of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan at their January 17, 2018 meeting. The Plan Commission must file a report approving or rejecting the amendments made by the City Council as the last step of the adoption process. If approved, the Plan is adopted. If rejected, the City Council may consider adoption through another resolution. The 2018 Comprehensive Plan and other information can be accessed at: <https://bloomington.in.gov/board/plan/comprehensive-plan>  
*Case Manager: Scott Robinson*

Scott Robinson, Planning Services Director, explained that state code mandates the process of adopting a Comprehensive Plan. The update of the Comprehensive Plan was initiated a few years ago. Last Spring, Plan Commission spent several months reviewing, producing, and incorporating amendments to the new Comprehensive Plan. This document was approved in June by the Plan Commission. At this point, the legislative body must take action. In August, City Council through Resolution 17-28 began this process of approving, rejecting, or amending the new Comprehensive Plan. City Council then thoroughly reviewed the amendments and considerations of others. In January, they submitted a report to Plan Commission detailing the amendments proposed and the reasoning behind them. Per State code, Plan Commission has two options for this Special Hearing: approve or reject the plan as City Council has submitted it. If Plan Commission approves it, the Comprehensive Plan becomes effective as soon as a report is filed back with City Council. If Plan Commission rejects it, Plan Commission has another chance to adopt the plan by introducing another resolution. Robinson clarified some dates in a memo he sent to Plan Commission. The memo stated that a report was issued on February 17<sup>th</sup>, but it was a typo and should be February 14<sup>th</sup>. No amendment is needed for this and Robinson said he will correct it himself. No amendments may be proposed at this time. The Transportation Plan will be going through a similar process as the Comprehensive Plan. Some amendments for corrections may be proposed during that process, but

tonight staff is largely satisfied with the state of the Comprehensive Plan as it is now. Staff recommends approval.

Joe Hoffmann clarified that there was a third option for the Plan Commission. They could take no action and after 60 days, the plan would become effective. The Council had 178 amendments and approved 162. Tonight, the Plan Commission cannot amend any further and must vote to either approve or reject the Comprehensive Plan.

Nick Kappas asked what the review process of the Comprehensive Plan moving forward, especially in the next 15 years.

Robinson said that the staff intends to revise and update the plan gradually through provisions in the Comprehensive Plan within the next 15 years. Instead of updating in bulk every 15 years, the staff wants to make it more manageable and update more often. The Thoroughfair Plan also will provide a chance to look at how to improve the Comprehensive Plan.

Hoffmann said that internally, he has suggested that a schedule is put in place of regular updates. This will not include the elaborate process they recently experienced with the Comprehensive Plan and instead, make updates more routine.

Kappas thanked Hoffmann and Robinson and said that was the answer he was looking for.

**\*\*Kinzie moved to approve MP-12-17. Kappas seconded.**

Enright-Randolph expressed gratitude to the Plan Commission for being so open and welcoming to him during this process, as he does not get an official vote.

Sandberg praised the Commission for taking all of the feedback received about the Comprehensive Plan and putting it into a useful form. She also agrees that this process needs to be rethought and reworked, as previously stated by Robinson and Hoffmann. She also expressed excitement for what this document promises for the City.

**ROLL CALL: Motion carried by voice vote 7:0 to approve MP-12-17.**

Meeting adjourned.