



**Ravenna City Council
Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022**

The public meeting was held in person in City Council Chambers.

Council present: Council President Andrew Kluge, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Acting Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil and Diane Smith

Planning Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:49 P.M. by Chairperson, Rob Kairis

The first item was a tree consultation at City Park.

Mr. Kairis stated that the City received a quote for \$1,300 from Davey Tree to inspect and assess the trees in City Park. Davey Tree will conduct a visual inspection and make recommendations to the City. The recommendations will be able to be mapped and added into the TreeKeeper program which will help with maintenance.

- The item was moved forward for legislation

The second item was a discussion about signs.

Cliff Soudil addressed Council to request to take the item off which he had suggested to put on. He expressed his frustration that not much can be done regarding offensive signs throughout the city due to freedom of speech.

Mr. Finney explained the rules for political signs and stated that the city pulls signs that are placed in inappropriate places on city property.

Mr. Kairis reiterated that permanent flags that have sayings on them are covered by the first amendment.

Ms. Wood suggested restricting flag sizes, materials, and how and where they can be placed. Council discussed the possibilities and whether flag decorations should be limited or regulated by restricted means of attachment on a residential property. The Law Director will be consulted if any of the stated options can successfully be done.

- The item was for discussion only

The third item was a discussion about Design Review Commission Consultant.

Mr. Kairis stated that the item is still being discussed but a consultant for the City would likely cost less than what Kent has allocated for their consultant. He said that a consultant would help to craft the guidelines which would include consideration for economic development and historic preservation within the historic district.

- The item was for discussion only

The fourth item was to apply for a grant for the Design Review Commission.

The Design Review Commission would like to apply for a CLG Grant through Ohio History Connection's Stated Historic Preservation Office. The grant would help to fund the review of the Commissions guidelines or could be used for continuing education courses.

- The item was moved forward for legislation

Management Update

The City has found out that it is not allowed to charge an extra fee for marijuana dispensaries who take residence within the city limits and will have to look into the current legislation to amend it.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Rob Kairis, Chairperson
Planning Committee**