

**CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
LULA LEE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 200 E. WALL STRET
August 9, 2022**

Present: Commissioners Hensel, McGee, City Manager Mitchell, Commissioner Chairman Reed
Absent: Commissioners Ferguson, Henry, Marshall, Mayor Muhammad, Commissioner Yarbrough
City Staff Present: Building Inspector Snider, Community & Economic Development Director Little, and City Clerk Moore.

Due to lack of quorum, no decisions could take place. Chairman Reed allowed updates only.

UPDATE – 300 W MAIN AEP POWER SUBSTATION

No representatives present as there are no contingencies left.

UPDATE - 170 RIVERVIEW DRIVE APARTMENT COMPLEX

Mark Walburg, general contractor with Arco Construction stated construction continues, framed up to the 4th floor on the 2nd wing. Next week roof should go on the 2nd wing. All windows are in on 1st wing, windows on 2nd week will start this week. Patio doors are supposed to arrive later this month. Will continue with MEP rough ins. Intent to start some site utilities this month to get parking lot and landscaping in before winter hits.

Don D’Anna with Whirlpool updated on the operations. Building a website for the properties where applications can be submitted. Looking at other ways to connect the property to the community to provide economic growth. The demand is strong, calls are coming in inquiring. Some of the units will be reserved for Whirlpool employees, units will be open to the public as well. Still working on the price range of the units. There will be 60% 1 bedroom and 40% 2 bedrooms, there will be 80 units total.

Stephannnie Harvey-Vandenberg stated the intent is to create a diverse living environment for everyone and not exclude anyone who has the opportunity and wants to live in the community.

UPDATE – KUSHAVA CRAFT – 261 WATER ST

Jeff Kushaba stated that interior work has begun, waiting on tradesman to evaluate the plans, price and schedule. Once the plumber is done scoping the lines, parking lot work can begin.

Jason Ficklen with Abonmarche added that the site work is being scheduled but is contingent on the plumber coming in to verify everything and an update will be provided next month.

UPDATE – MASTER PLAN

Chair Reed showed a 5 minute movie as an update as framework to build from the inside out and keeping the dollars within the city itself.

Tiffany Moore, City Clerk

Lee Reed, Chairman