



HUMAN PLANNING COMMISSION
1315 S. Washington Avenue
Council Chamber – Room 205
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6:00 p.m.
Minutes
November 19, 2025

Chairperson V. Toney called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: Present was V. Toney, S. Smokoska, H. Porterfield, M. Foust, R. Bidwell, L. Martuch, B. Church, L. Woodard, D. Morrison, J. Bady & H. Collins. Secretary. Commission Darlene Carpenter returned after an extended absence and it was wonderful to have her in our midst again. Excused D. Melkonian and C. Hamilton. Absent R. Carter, K. Hook.
2. HPC Chaplain Morrison led the group in prayer and Commissioner Toney led the pledge of allegiance.
3. No public comments.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for October 2025 were reviewed and corrections made. Commissioner Morrison moved the minutes be accepted, Commissioner Woodard seconded and the minutes were unanimously passed.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Most City Hall offices are now moved to the Public Services building and out of Tuscola St. However, the HPC will continue to meet at 1 Tuscola on the 2nd floor.
 - b. Report from Deputy Director Kanah Franklin
 - i. Focus Groups are being organized to address the Five Year Plan intended to help direct the HPC with our suggestions on how we believe funds should be allocated. Three Focus groups are scheduled for December 17 at 10:00, 2:00 and 6:00. They will most likely be held at the Anderson Enrichment Center to offer the public a chance to provide input. HPC members are encouraged to attend the day sessions if possible. A survey is being developed with frequently asked questions and will be available to be accessed online at the Saginaw City webpage.
 - ii. Commissioners Toney and Porterfield shared their experience at the City Hall's Trunk or Treat event. They completed some surveys that Leticia provided and spoke favorably of the attendance and engagement from the public.
 - iii. New City Council members are beginning their terms. The Land bank will be directed by a new staff person who is expected to be announced sometime in December. The above item led to a general discussion about land in and around Saginaw – who is buying it, what it will be used for – farming, housing, etc. Tiny houses and how they are being built and used in other Michigan communities, especially for housing veterans, was discussed. The sense of disenfranchisement of young people was of concern since the price of real estate and building materials is prohibitive these days especially when large corporations are able to pay cash.
6. OLD BUSINESS: None
7. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Next meeting is 12/17/25 at 6:00pm. The HPC will meet at 1 Tuscola St. for this meeting
8. ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Morrison moved the meeting be adjourned. S. Smokoska seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.