

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
NIAGARA FALLS PLANNING BOARD
February 24, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Niagara Falls Planning Board was held Wednesday, February 24th 2021, at 6:00 PM, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 745 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York.

PRESENT:

Tony Palmer
Timothy Polka
Charles MacDougall
Joseph Sarkees
Joyce Williams

ALSO:

James Bragg
Michelle Shaughnessy
Eric Cooper

EXCUSED:

Robert Burns
Schurron Cowart

ABSENT:

Michael Murphy
Joseph Giaquinto

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Cooper acting as Chairman pro-tem began the Reorganization meeting and asked for nominations for 2021 Chair and 2021 Vice Chair

Mr. MacDougall nominated Mr. Palmer to continue as Chair, seconded by Mr. Polka.
Unanimously Approved.

Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Polka to continue to serve as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. MacDougall.
Unanimously Approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mr. Polka, and seconded by Mr. MacDougall.
Unanimously Approved.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Set date for Public Hearing:** Airport Overlay Protection Overlay District
Public Hearing Notice has to be published in local Newspaper three times. To allow this to occur the Board picked the Hearing to be held at the Planning Board meeting set for March 24, 2021.

POLLED VOTE

Mr. Sarkees	Yes
Mr. MacDougall	Yes
Mr. Palmer	Yes
Mr. Polka	Yes
Mrs. Williams	Yes
Approved	Unanimously Approved

NEW BUSINESS –

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PLANNING REPORT

Mr. Cooper asked the Board Members their preference of in person meetings or Zoom meetings. Ms. Williams would like Zoom meetings, while the other members prefer in person meetings as long as social distancing is followed.

Mr. Cooper asked the Board Members what type of information they would like to be provided in future Planning Reports. Ms. Williams stated she would like the Board to be informed of any upcoming projects, and progress of existing projects such as Blue Cardinal on Main Street.

Ms. Williams asked what was the status of the Merani Hotel and Tim Hortons Drive Thru located on parcel 402/430 Buffalo Avenue. Council Member Spanbauer stated that currently this Merani project is on hold due to Covid.

Mr. Palmer asked M. Bragg if he had discussed with the Administrator the planting of trees at the Beech Avenue park. Mr. Bragg stated that he has not done so as of yet, as he was out sick, but will proceed with this discussion in the coming week or so.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Polka and seconded by Mr. Smith. The meeting was duly adjourned at 6:19 P.M.