

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

APPROVED

**April 30, 2018
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198
Town Hall Room, 517-853-4560**

PRESENT: Commissioners Lane, Richards, Ianni, Premoe, Scott-Craig, Stivers, Trezise, Cordill, Shrewsbury
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Director of Community Planning and Development Mark Kieselbach, Principal Planner Peter Menser, Assistant Planner Justin Quagliata, Assistant Planner Keith Chapman, Economic Development Director Chris Buck
OTHER: Supervisor Ronald Styka, Clerk Brett Dreyfus, Trustee Patricia Jackson, Trustee Phil Deschaine, Victor Dover, Amy Groves, Brad Strader, CATA CEO Brad Funkhouser, CATA Planner Janet Arcuicci, EDC Member Kimberly Thompson, EDC Member Eric Foster, EDC Member Brenda Chapman, CIA Member Bruce Peffers

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Ianni called the work session to order at approximately 6:13 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

Commissioner Trezise moved to approve the agenda.
Supported by Vice-Chair Scott-Craig.
VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation/Discussion

A. Form-based code draft ordinance review

- Principal Planner Menser provided an overview of the Shaping the Avenue project. He stated the work session is an opportunity for the Planning Commission and all that are in attendance to ask questions and receive answers from the consultants of the Shaping the Avenue team.
- A team of consultants presented to the Planning Commission regarding the Shaping the Avenue initiative. Shaping the Avenue is an effort to draft and adopt form based code along Grand River Avenue and in downtown Okemos. The consultants provided an overview of the project, conducted a section-by-section review of the draft form based code, and answered questions. Topics of discussion included:
 - What is form-based code
 - What is the difference between form-based code and conventional zoning
 - Purpose and intent of form-based code
 - Administration of form-based code

- Regulating plans, building form and public realm standards
- Architectural and parking standards

4. Public remarks

5. Adjournment

Vice-Chair Scott-Craig moved to adjourn the meeting.

Supported by Commissioner Trezise.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Ianni adjourned the work session at approximately 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Quagliata