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Making sense of rezoning

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FERNDALE — The people have not yet spoken.

Rezoning is still on the table as the Ferndale Plan Commission hosted an informational hearing Nov. 16 at Kennedy Middle School to help make sense of the proposed plans.

But comments were not officially taken from residents at the meeting, a task that is being reserved for the next hearing that was scheduled for Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Ferndale High School.

"This meeting is just for you — the residents," said Phil Poole, vice chair of the Plan Commission. "I'm sure this will be very helpful to us as we continue."

The meeting was led with a presentation by Tom Dabareiner of LSL Planning, who explained the details and purposes of planning and creating zoning within a municipality.

"We really work hard to preserve the quality of life in a community, but it's a balancing act," Dabareiner said. "We try to chart a course to reach our goals in a cost efficient manner with the public interest in mind."

Goals for a city like Ferndale include increasing the tax revenue, expanding the employment and tax base, protecting the character of the area, ensuring compatibility with surrounding cities, offering a range of housing opportunities and choices, encouraging smart growth, creating a more walkable environment, and fostering an attractive community, Dabareiner said.

City Councilman and Plan Commission member Scott Galloway did a run-through of the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance and addressed many of the residents' concerns.

"It's a grueling process to get this to where we are today and we're not finished yet," Galloway said, pointing out that the commission welcomes feedback from the public and is thankful for the information they've already received.

"We recognize that there are problems and it's unfair," he said in regards to some of the initial changes proposed. "We've heard (the residents) loud and clear."

Residents were initially up in arms regarding proposed changes that would turn some of the city's single-family homes into a multi-family residential district, and others along Woodward into a parking district.

"It could create a lot of hardship and it will be reconsidered," Galloway said, but those changes won't be reflected in the draft until the Plan Commission meets again in December to formulate a new plan and make recommendations to the City Council.

Following the informational meeting, members of the Plan Commission met individually with residents in an unofficial capacity. Concerns and sentiments were to be recorded at the scheduled public hearing Nov. 21.

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