

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Long-Range Planning Documents:

- The Parking Study has begun with a Staff Kick-Off Meeting with HKGi consultants. Initial parking counts will occur throughout September 2023 and are anticipated to be completed by October 2023.
- Received four RFP proposals for Marion Comprehensive Plan Update. Consultant Selection committee recommended RDG Consultants. Contract work through August for an October 5, 2023 contract approval at the City Council.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING ACTIVITY

The Building Department has 37 active commercial permits with 9 projects getting completed this month. 2 new commercial remodel permits were issued in the month of September. It has been a year of small remodels or large projects and with what is currently going on it's been a surprisingly busy year in the commercial and multi-family side of inspections.

Marion Boulevard Apartments should be getting occupancy in the next couple months and Tulip Tree Apartments should be wrapping up in early 2024. Their contractor is working on the rough-ins and moving along very well with insulation and drywall on the upper floors. Marion Independent Schools contractor continues to work on Parkview Elementary; it is coming out of the ground nicely and work is continuing on the new MISD Auditorium addition and Linn Mar's Administration building.

BUILDING DIVISION STATISTICS

| INSPECTIONS | CURRENT | LAST MONTH | LAST YEAR |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ALL CONSTRUCTION | 647 | 546 | 613 |
| WRECKING | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| BEER & LIQUOR INSP | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| COMPLAINT INSPECTIONS | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL INSPECTIONS | 661 | 556 | 631 |
| PERMITS | | | |
| ACTIVE DEPT PERMITS | 6,495 | 6,411 | 11,170 |
| PERMITS ISSUED | 323 | 285 | 302 |
| NEW SINGLE FAMILY | 15 | 3 | 7 |
| NEW MULTI-FAMILY (UNITS) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) |
| NEW COMMERCIAL | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| REMODEL/ADD. COMMERCIAL | 2 | 6 | 3 |

| RENTAL HOUSING | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| RENTAL HOUSING UNITS | 4,683 | 4,677 | 4,657 |
| TOTAL RENTAL INSPECTIONS | 285 | 280 | 276 |

BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE

| BUILDING CODE COMPLAINTS | CURRENT | LAST MONTH | LAST YEAR |
|---------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| NEW COMPLAINTS | 3 | 6 | 5 |
| RESOLVED COMPLAINTS | 0 | 13 | 6 |
| ACTIVE COMPLAINTS | 55 | 53 | 61 |
| ACTIVE COMPLAINTS BY TYPE | | | |
| BUILDING MISCELLANEOUS | 10 | 8 | 11 |
| DEBRIS IN YARD | 23 | 22 | 28 |
| HOUSING | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| PROPERTY MAINTENANCE | 22 | 22 | 9 |

CODE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

Code Compliance has 55 active cases and continues to respond to nuisance properties as they are identified. There are currently 12 orders to abate nuisances waiting for compliance along with the continued influx of daily complaints. The current case count involving legal action is at 12.

I am happy to report that 1081 27th Street has been brought into compliance after nearly 3 years of action. Navigating the legal aspects presented a large hurdle to have the occupants removed so the original owners could start the clean-up and repairs the home so desperately needed.

TRAIL PROJECTS

Closeout documentation and construction audits continue on the 10th Avenue sidepaths and Indian Creek Trail.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Marion Planning & Zoning Commission met on September 12, 2023 and took action on the following items:

- Final Plat - Glen Rock Farm 9th Addition (Approved)
- Rezoning - Rookwood Estates East (Approved)
- Final Site Development Plan (revised) - Holiday Inn Express & Suites (Approved)
- Site Development Review - Aircom Park Garages/Hangers (Approved)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Marion Zoning Board of Adjustment did not meet in September 2023.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Marion Historic Preservation Commission met on September 12, 2023 and discussed the following:

- Mike Barkalow presented options for brick streets. The Commission was unable to make a recommendation at this time.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee did not meet in September 2023.

Construction Code Review Board

The Marion Construction Code Review Board did not meet in September 2023 as there were no items that required action.

Nuisance Enforcement and Property Maintenance Advisory Board

The Board met on September 5, 2023 and discussed the following:

The sons of the late Llyod Matthes re-approached the Board to modify the original grant for an extension of time to bring the property (427 5th Ave.) into compliance. Lloyd's passing was the primary push for the request for an extension of time. The board voted unanimously to advise staff to allow for a December 31, 2023 deadline in lieu of the original September 30, 2023 granted at the June 6, 2023, meeting.