

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 13, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call: Chairperson VanderBloomer, Commissioners Bautch, Thorson, Koch and Murphy

Chairperson Vanderbloomer called to order the Public Hearing on August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: John Bautch, Michelle Koch, Gloria Murphy, and Ron Thorson. Also present: John Hughes, City Councilmember; Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to address the Planning Commission on items not on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Bautch made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for July 2019

Vanderbloomer discussed the potential for increased roof permits due to the recent storms in Lexington. Petracek asked the Planning Commission to be on the lookout for contractors going door-to-door soliciting work for damaged roofs. He added that they need a peddler's license, which is obtained in city hall. Discussion ensued.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- A. July 9, 2019

Vanderbloomer made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Proposed Ordinance changes – Outdoor Storage

Vanderbloomer asked Attorney Glaser if the chart provided in the proposed ordinance is modeled after other cities or if he drafted it himself. Glaser replied that it was a little bit of both and he explained the draft ordinance is a reflection of what the Planning Commission believes outdoor storage should be in the City of Lexington.

The Commission discussed the chart and what type of storage is allowed in each individual zoning district, and the restrictions placed on the storage.

Glaser stated he compacted all of the outdoor storage ordinances in the Code Book into one ordinance so it is easier for the reader to read. Discussion ensued.

Glaser stated that he will take the discussion from this meeting and reformulate the ordinance for the next meeting.

No action was taken.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

A. July 11, 2019

B. July 18, 2019

No discussion on Council minutes.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Petracek told the Commission that Tim and Karen Harmsen, the owners of the Ephesians Apartments, have purchase agreements in place to buy the three blighted apartment complexes on the eastside of DuWayne Ave. and intend to construct a second phase of the Ephesians. He added that Attorney Glaser and he had met with the Harmsen's and their consultants to provide them guidance on the proposed construction process.

Petracek also stated that Norhart Development will be holding an open house to unveil the architectural renderings for their proposed development behind Northway Mall on August 20th from 6:00-8:00 pm in city hall. The members of the Planning Commission should receive invitations to the open house. Discussion ensued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Bautch made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.