MINUTES

**REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**September 11, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.**

**9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. Roll Call: Chairperson VanderBloomer, Commissioners Bautch, Thorson, Koch and Murphy

***Chairperson Vanderbloomer called to order the Regular Planning Commission meeting on September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: John Bautch, Michelle Koch, Gloria Murphy, and Ron Thorson. Also present: John Hughes, Councilmember; Bill Petracek, City Administrator.***

1. CITIZENS FORUM

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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

1. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Building Permits for August 2018

***Vanderbloomer asked about the $200,000 remodel of the old thrift store. Petracek stated that Anoka County Social Services is doing the remodel and will be moving from the Lovell Building to this new location. Discussion ensued.***

1. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
2. August 6, 2018

***Murphy made a motion to approve the August 6, 2018 minutes. Bautch seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.***

1. DISCUSSION ITEM:
2. Discuss future agenda items for Planning & Zoning

***Petracek explained that in his discussions with the city attorney, they both feel that all of the zoning ordinances have been gone through and amended; they both agree there won’t be much further discussion on the zoning regulations once the proposed Section 11.34 - Dimensional Requirements has had its public hearing in October. He added that he is going to have difficulty finding items to place on the agenda for future meetings except for project specific items. Vanderbloomer stated that maybe the Commission could go through the adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan chapter by chapter, so that the Commission understands it better. Discussion ensued.***

***Petracek suggested cancelling meetings if is there aren’t items for the agenda. Discussion ensued.***

***The consensus of the Commission is to have Planning and Zoning meetings even if there aren’t items for the agenda.***

1. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:
2. August 2, 2018
3. August 16, 2018

***Vanderbloomer discussed the City Council’s approval of the “Landings of Lexington” land use and the individual that was present at the meeting to ask questions about the development. Discussion ensued.***

1. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

***Bautch asked about who he would contact about neighbors burning garbage in their fire pit. Vanderbloomer stated to call the fire department via the non-emergency number, but suggested calling 911 since it is difficult to get a hold of them through the non-emergency number. He added that if necessary, the police department would issue a ticket if the burning is an unresolved problem. Discussion ensued.***

***Bautch asked about the timeframe of the Lovell Building demolition. Petracek stated that if everything goes smoothly, the building could potentially be razed by mid-November, barring any issues with existing tenants not being out of the building by October 31st. Discussion ensued.***

1. ADJOURNMENT

***Koch made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Bautch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***