

Unapproved Minutes
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
April 9, 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 Regular Planning Commission meeting on April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: John Bautch, Gloria Murphy, and Ron Thorson. Excused Absence: Michelle Koch. Also present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Bautch seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- a. Building Permits for:
- March 2019

The Commission had some discussion on the Boulevard Bar and Grille permits.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- A. February 2019
B. March 2019

Vanderbloomer made a motion to approve the February 12, 2019 and the March 12, 2019 minutes. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Discuss Outdoor Storage Ordinances

Attorney Glaser discussed his memo regarding the outdoor storage ordinances. He asked about the M-1 and M-2 storage regulations and how the Commission would like to sort it out. He discussed the mixture of business and residential with outside storage and the need to regulate. Discussion ensued.

Vanderbloomer stated that he supported limiting outdoor storage and providing screening for storage in the M-1 and M-2 zones for commercial businesses. He added that we need to be cautious about regulating storage in the residential zones. Discussion ensued.

Glaser stated the Code has limited regulation requiring screening of commercial businesses for storage. He added that Centerville has a 10 ft. buffer zone for screening. Discussion ensued.

Petracek stated that he feared that if we make these changes with too many exceptions or conditions it would be difficult for staff to enforce and local businesses would complain. Discussion ensued.

Glaser stated he would bring back ideas for screening regulations to the next meeting.

Glaser asked a second question about the parking of RV's – How do we define these items in the Code? Discussion ensued. No action was taken

B. Discuss Auto Sales and Service Lots

Attorney Glaser stated he would incorporate Auto Sales and Service Lot regulations into the outdoor storage regulations for the next meeting as a result of the Commission's discussion of outdoor storage.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

A. March 7, 2019

B. March 21, 2019

No discussion on Council minutes.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Bautch asked about the stormwater drainage ditch next to his place and the lack of cleanliness. Petracek explained that a judicial drainage ditch is the responsibility of the County to clean, and from his understanding, Anoka County is incrementally cleaning ditches throughout their jurisdiction, but the City has no authority or maintenance requirements over them. Discussion ensued.

Murphy asked about the Ephesians and Paster Properties. Petracek provided an update on both developments. Discussion ensued.

Thorson discussed the potential for a meditation group moving into the church next to his house. Discussion ensued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Bautch made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.