

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 10, 2021 - 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 August 10, 2021 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. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for July 2021

No discussion on Letters and Communications

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- A. July 13, 2021

Koch made a motion to approve the July 13, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes as typewritten. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Discuss Disallowing Auto Sales lot as a Conditional Use Permit in an M-1 Zone

Petracek explained that this discussion is an extension of the discussion that was had at the April P & Z meeting to outlaw conditional use permits for auto sales lots in an M-1 Zone. He explained that Cook's Auto Body Shop has had many inquiries about putting an used auto sales lot in the building, and he believes that these used car lots are not a good

fit for our Lake Drive corridor and he further explained that the conditional use permit issued for George's Texaco has been difficult process to manage. Attorney Glaser also explained that auto sales lots do not provide much tax value as well. Discussion ensued.

Vanderbloomer provided his insight on the history of the M-1 zone and the uses that are allowed in that particular zone. Vanderbloomer also explained the need to zone your community for the future and how you want it to look many years from now. Discussion ensued. Vanderbloomer stated he was in favor of removing the auto sales lot as a conditional use permit, but he also recommended that we remove all conditional use permits in an M-1 Zone. Discussion ensued.

Vanderbloomer stated we should table this item and bring back discussion of the M-1 Zone and discuss the definitions of the permitted and CUP uses. The consensus of P & Z was to discuss this at the September Planning Commission meeting.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. July 1, 2021
- B. July 15, 2021

Bautch stated that Councilmember Hughes had made the motion and seconded it in the July 1 minutes. Petracek stated he would get that corrected.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Thorson asked the City to look at the safety issues with Cowboy's parking on Restwood Ave. The cars cause an obstruction at the corner of S. Highway Drive and Restwood Ave. as you enter on to Restwood. Discussion ensued.

Bautch stated that the 30 MPH sign on Restwood Road on the left hand side as you are going toward Naples Road is faded and should be replaced. Discussion ensued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Koch made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.