

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
November 9, 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 November 9, 2021 at 7:01 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

*Joe Ackerman
3875 Lovell Road
Lexington, MN.*

Mr. Ackerman stated he was in attendance because he wants to construct a one-room addition on his house and someone at city hall told him to go to a Planning Commission meeting to get the answer. Petracek asked who at city hall told him to attend a Planning Commission meeting to determine if he is allowed to put an addition on his house. Mr. Ackerman did not know the person's name.

Petracek explained that the process is to have a discussion with Scott Jensen, Building Inspector, about any building additions. He added that his office hours are Tuesday and Thursday. Discussion ensued.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Koch 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 October 2021
B. Dead tree removal progress report

Some discussion on the building permit for the animal hospital. Petracek also provided a brief explanation of the dead tree removal report.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- C. October 12, 2021

Bautch made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes as typewritten. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Discuss M-1, M-2 and B-1 Zoning Districts/Zoning Definitions

Vanderbloomer discussed the memo from Attorney Glaser on the final draft of the amendments to the M-1, M-2, and B-1 Zoning Districts and definitions. Discussion ensued.

Bautch asked about the removal of “animal hospital” as a conditional use permit. He questioned how that would affect an animal grooming business. Discussion about an animal grooming business being allowed as a “retail sales and service” as a personal service-oriented business under that allowed use.

Koch made a motion to call for a public hearing at the December Planning & Zoning meeting for the amended M-1, M-2 and B-1 Zoning Districts/Zoning Definitions ordinance. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Discuss Restwood Road and South Highway Drive intersection

Petracek provided an update on the Planning Commission’s recommendation to have the City look at the intersection of Restwood Road and South Highway Drive intersection. He explained that a discussion was had at a Council workshop with the City Council taking into consideration a staff recommendation of not installing a Stop sign, but to erect a warning sign that would read, “Slow, Blind Intersection.” He added that the City Council approved the installation of this sign on Restwood Ave. with a flashing light, along with the installation of a crosswalk between Cowboy’s and Boulevard Bar and Grille. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. October 7, 2021
- B. October 21, 2021

Some discussion on the salt shed and the installation of the doors on the building.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Bautch stated that there is a burned-out streetlight at the corner of Lake Drive and Albert Ave. Bautch added that the addresses of 8930 N. Highway Dr. and 8936 N. Highway Dr. have dead tree brush in their front yards that have been there for approximately a month or so. He added there is also a big green bag that has been sitting in the front yard for a month at 8930 N. Highway Dr. as well. Petracek stated he would let staff know about it and have these items removed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Bautch made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.