

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 14, 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 September 14, 2021 at 7:02 p.m. Commissioners Present: John Bautch, Michelle Koch (arrived at 7:08), 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 4-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for August 2021

Some discussion on the building permit issued for the new salt shed at 9100 Hamline Ave.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- A. August 10, 2021

Vanderbloomer made a motion to approve the August 10, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes as typewritten. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Michelle Koch arrived at 7:08 p.m.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Discuss Zoning Definitions for permitted and conditional uses in an M-1 Zone

Vanderbloomer stated that after reviewing the definitions for the permitted and conditional use permits in an M-1 zone, he noticed that the definitions for animal hospital and veterinary

clinic are very similar. Attorney Glaser agreed that the two definitions should be combined into one definition. Discussion ensued.

Vanderbloomer reiterated his comments from the last P & Z meeting regarding his recommendation to remove all conditional use permits in an M-1 Zone. He further explained the idea of that Lexington's zoning code should reflect what you want your community to look like in the future. Discussion ensued.

The Planning Commission focused their discussion on the "retail sales and service" definition to ensure that the types of businesses listed would meet their standards for the M-1 Zone principal permitted uses.

Vanderbloomer recommended to modify the "shopping center" definition to be tied into the "retail sales and service" definition to alleviate future issues. Discussion ensued.

Vanderbloomer made a motion to remove the "shopping center" from the permitted uses in an M-1 Zone; add "offices" as a principal permitted use in an M-1 Zone; eliminate all conditional use permits in an M-1 Zone; and move "day care facility" to principal permitted uses in an M-1 Zone. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. August 5, 2021
- B. August 19, 2021

Some discussion on the Cowboy's liquor license issues noted in the August 5 Council minutes.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Vanderbloomer discussed the corner at Cowboy's at Restwood and South Highway Drive. He asked that the City consider a 4-way stop at that location. Discussion ensued.

Thorsen asked about the dead trees on private property and if letters were sent out to property owners. Petracek stated that the city forester is still in the process of inspecting the trees that were identified by the building inspector.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Bautch made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.