



Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

Tuesday June 14, 2016

7:00 p.m.

1307 Cloquet Ave, Cloquet, MN 55720

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Berglund called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Planning Commission members: Michael Haubner, Bryan Bosto, Jesse Berglund, John Sanders and Uriah Wilkinson; City: Al Cottingham.

Absent: Commission members: Chuck Buscher and Kelly Johnson.

Others Present: Ken Martin.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Cottingham requested to add item 6.5 Pet Crematory to the agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to add item 6.5 Pet Crematory to the agenda, Commissioner Haubner seconded. (Motion was approved 5-0).

AGENDA ITEMS

May 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Berglund asked for any corrections or additions.

Motion: Commissioner Bosto made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes from May 24, 2016, Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. (Motion was approved 5-0).

Temporary Health Care Dwellings

Chairperson Berglund asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview of the topic. Mr. Cottingham noted with the 2016 Legislative Session a bill was introduced and passed allowing a property owner to place a mobile residential dwelling on their property to serve as a temporary family health care dwelling. This would allow for the caring for a mentally or physically impaired person, limited the dwelling to be occupied by one individual. The caregiver must be a relative, legal guardian or health care agent of the person.

The law will take effect on September 1, 2016 and does allow cities to opt out of the requirements by passing an Ordinance to do so. He had had discussions on this with other



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planners and not too many would be moving forward with this but would be looking to opt out of the law.

The Commission discussed the law and did not feel that it was appropriate at this time. If there was a need in the future they could review it then. They felt the city should take the opt out option.

Cottingham stated he would discuss this with City Administrator Fritsinger and if this needed to come back for a public hearing on the Ordinance it would be placed on a future agenda otherwise he would keep them updated on it.

Airport Zoning District and Safety Zones

Chairperson Berglund asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview of the topic. Mr. Cottingham noted the land at the airport and surrounding properties were zoned AIR – Airport District a number of years ago. This was not really accurate in that private parcels with homes on them are now a non-conforming use. The parcels that are not owned by Carlton County and not associated with the airport should be zoned FR – Farm Residential or possibly FM – Forest Management and Research District.

He noted that in 1974 Carlton County adopted a Zoning Ordinance for Carlton County Airports and there were amendments made to it in 1996. The Ordinance contains three safety zones (A, B and C) on land outside the Airport District. The problem is that this Ordinance is made reference to in the Airport District and not the zoning districts around the airport. He would suggest creating an airport safety zone overlay district to be sure these areas are not overlooked in the future by current or future staff.

The Commission discussed the airport and the need for the city to have specific requirements in our Ordinance since the airport and most of the safety zones are located within the city. The agreed the airport zoning district should only involve the land that the airport is on.

Pet Crematory

Chairperson Berglund asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview of the topic. Mr. Cottingham noted he was asked to discuss the possibility of allowing a pet crematory in the OM – Office/Manufacturing District in conjunction with the Friends of Animals facility. He didn't know a lot about a pet crematory but learned that they were separate from ones that did humans. If the Commission desired he could do some research on the topic and bring this back at a future meeting to discuss.

The Commission determined that they would not be interested in allowing this in the OM District and felt the HI – Heavy Industry District was the appropriate place for this.



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Commissioner's Questions/Comment

Chairperson Berglund asked Mr. Cottingham for an update on upcoming meetings and SKB landfill. Mr. Cottingham noted there would be a meeting on July 12th with at this time a variance application for the height of an accessory structure. There is currently scheduled for July 19th at the City Council work session discussion with SKB on the MSW landfill. He would let the Commission know for sure if that is happening as the date gets closer.

Next Meeting

July 12, 2016

Meeting adjourned 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator