



Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

Tuesday February 10, 2015

7:00 p.m.

1307 Cloquet Ave, Cloquet, MN 55720

CALL TO ORDER

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Cottingham administered the Oath of Office to Jesse Berglund and Uriah Wilkinson.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Planning Commission members: John Sanders, Kelly Johnson, Uriah Wilkinson and Jesse Berglund; City: Al Cottingham

Absent: Commission members: Bryan Bosto, Michael Haubner and Chuck Buscher

Others Present: None

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Acting Chairperson Sanders requested nominations for a Chairperson, Jesse Berglund was nominated. There were no other nominations, Vote 4 – 0.

Chairperson Berglund requested nominations for a Vice Chairperson, Kelly Johnson was nominated. There were no other nominations, Vote 4 – 0.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

November 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Berglund asked for any corrections or additions,

Motion: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes from November 25, 2014, Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. (Motion was approved 4-0).



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Zoning Case 15-01: Land Use Guide Plan Amendment and Rezoning

Chairperson Berglund reviewed the public hearing procedures and format and opened the public hearing for Zoning Case 15-01, Land Use Guide Plan Amendment and Rezoning. He asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview of the application. Mr. Cottingham noted the City was the applicant for this application located southwest of Spruce Street and Prospect Avenue West. The request was for a Land Use Guide Plan Amendment from “Moderate-Density to High-Density Residential” to “Low Density Residential” and a Rezoning from R3 - Multiple Family Residential to R2 – One and Two Family Residential. This is being done to clean up the area and make the existing single family homes a conforming use.

Chairperson Berglund asked if anyone would like to speak on this item.

There being no further discussion Chairperson Berglund closed the public hearing

Chairperson Berglund called for a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Sanders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-01 Comp Recommending Approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan) from “Moderate-Density to High-Density Residential” to “Low Density Residential”, Commissioner Johnson seconded. (Motion was approved 4-0).

Mr. Cottingham noted this would be placed on the City Council agenda for February 17, 2015.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-01 Rezone Recommending Approval of the Rezoning from “R3 – Multiple Family Residence” to “R2 – One and Two Family Residential”. Commissioner Sanders seconded. (Motion was approved 4 – 0)

Mr. Cottingham noted this would be placed on the City Council agenda for February 17, 2015.

Commissioner’s Questions/Comment

Chairperson Berglund asked Mr. Cottingham for an update on the Rental Housing Code, the Scanlon discussions and any other items that may be of interest to the Commission.

Mr. Cottingham noted that there were some minor changes to the Rental Housing Code since it was first adopted and that it would take effect on March 1, 2015. Staff was in the process of sending out notices to approximately 370 rental property owners making them aware of the code and a registration form to be filled out and returned to his office.

He noted that the first meeting with representatives of Scanlon was held to explore the possibility of a consolidation of the two communities. There were four representatives from both communities. This meeting was primarily a meet a greet session with information being handed out on the formal process and to discuss how the group wished to continue. The group felt that



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the advantages and disadvantages should be looked at and then carry on discussions from there. This would be the topic of the next meeting to be held on February 25th. There was also an information packet handed out that had copies of the statute and information from other communities that had gone through the process.

He also referenced the Big Lake Sanitary Sewer District and the proposed plans to bring sewer from the Big Lake area into Cloquet and then onto Western Lake Superior Sanitary Sewer District for treatment. This will require an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for an expansion to our sewer district boundary. This will be scheduled for a future meeting when all the issues get worked out.

Next Meeting

March 10, 2015

Meeting adjourned 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Cottingham, City Planner/Zoning Administrator