



Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

7:00 p.m.

101 14th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720

CALL TO ORDER

Terri Lyytinen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Planning Commission members: Terri Lyytinen, Philip Demers, Brittany Kuschel (arrived 7:02) and Elizabeth Polling; City: Al Cottingham.

Absent: Michelle Wick.

Others Present: Mike Koski.

AGENDA ITEMS

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

None.

April 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Lyytinen asked for any corrections or additions.

Motion: Commissioner Demers made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes from April 10, 2024, Commissioner Polling seconded. (Motion was approved 3-0).

Zoning Case 24-11: TK Diamond, Inc., Minor Subdivision Plat

Chairperson Lyytinen introduced Zoning Case 24-11, Minor Subdivision Plat for TK Diamond, Inc., and opened the public hearing. She asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview. Mr. Cottingham stated TK Diamond, Inc. was proposing minor subdivision plat to create five lots, one containing the existing building. The property is located in the southeast corner of Cloquet Avenue and 18th Street. The property is zoned Light Industry and the proposed lots meet or exceed the minimum width and size requirements. This is a public hearing, a legal notice was published in the Pine Knot on May 1, 2024, and property owners within 350 feet were sent notices of the public hearing. Mike Koski was present representing TK Diamond, Inc.

There being no further discussion Chairperson Lyytinen closed the public hearing and called for a motion.



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Motion: Commissioner Polling made a motion recommending approval to the City Council of s Minor Subdivision Plat in the LI – Light Industry District for TK Diamond, Inc., Commissioner Demers seconded. (Motion passed 4-0)

Mr. Cottingham stated this would go to the City Council at their meeting on May 21st at 6:00 pm.

Homeless Shelter/Housing Discussion

Chairperson Lyytinen asked Mr. Cottingham to provide an overview of the topic. Mr. Cottingham stated he contacted four communities of similar size regarding this to see how they handled this topic. To date he had heard back from one of the communities and their response is attached. They allow them as an Interim Use Permit which is similar to a conditional use permit and only allow them in the commercial districts. They call them warming shelters.

The commission discussed allowing them in churches and the commercial districts as a conditional use permit. This would allow conditions to be established on a case-by-case bases to handle any problems that might arise. They would also require staffing of the facility while it was open.

Mr. Cottingham stated he would draft an ordinance that the commission could review at the next meeting and proceed from there.

Commissioner's Questions/Comment

None.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

The meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kelley", is written over a horizontal line.

John Kelley, City Planner/Zoning Administrator for Al Cottingham, retired