



PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Notes of January 23, 2019

Members present: Jim Farrell, Charles Mathews, Joel Metlen, Carrie Pellett and Gary Walvatne
Members absent: Lamont King
Staff present: John Boyd, Planning Manager; Darren Wyss, Associate Planner and Dan Olsen, City Attorney
Guests: Councilor Bill Relyea

PREHEARING MEETING

Chair Walvatne called the work session to order in the Rosemont Room at City Hall. There was a short discussion of the 8th Avenue Rezone being heard tonight and the joint Planning Commission/Parks and Rec Advisory Board meeting. Staff will provide further information about a meeting when it becomes available.

(00:00:27)

REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walvatne called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

(00:00:54)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Charles Mathews **moved** to elect Commissioner Gary Walvatne as Chair. Commissioner Jim Farrell **seconded** the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Joel Metlen, Commissioner Carrie Pellett, Commissioner Jim Farrell, Commissioner Charles Mathews, and Commissioner Gary Walvatne

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed 5-0-0

Commissioner Jim Farrell **moved** to elect Commissioner Charles Mathews as Vice Chair. Chair Gary Walvatne **seconded** the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Joel Metlen, Commissioner Carrie Pellett, Commissioner Jim Farrell, Commissioner Charles Mathews, and Chair Gary Walvatne

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed 5-0-0

(00:03:37)

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO LAND USE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Roberta Schwarz spoke about the recent Parks and Rec Advisory Board meeting and requested a transcript of the meeting. Ms. Schwarz provided her recollection of the meeting. She believes the Parks and Rec Advisory Board did not follow the Planning Commission's instructions regarding the Parks Master Plan Update.

(00:10:29)

PUBLIC HEARING: 8TH AVENUE REZONE, PLN-18-02 (STAFF: DARREN WYSS)

Chair Walvatne opened the public hearing. He explained that this is a legislative hearing and that the Planning Commission's role in the legislative process is to make a recommendation to the Council. The testimony and arguments heard will be used by the Commission in making a recommendation to the City Council, which will hold a public hearing and come to a decision on these amendments at a later date. He then outlined the procedure for the hearing. After the preliminary legal matters, staff will make a presentation, the Commission will have an opportunity to ask questions, then the Commission will take public testimony on this matter. After the Commission asks any final questions of staff, the hearing will be closed, and the Commission will discuss the proposal and make a recommendation. Anyone wishing to speak must fill out a testimony form and give it to staff. All persons who wish to speak must be recognized by the Commission before speaking.

Mr. Olsen provided the preliminary legal matters.

The hearing then continued with a staff report presented by Darren Wyss, Associate Planner.

Ann Chay, Noelle Brooks and Chuck Little spoke in favor of the proposal; Shannen Knight, as a working group member provided some clarification on questions asked; and Susan McPhee questioned the impact on her property.

Chair Walvatne closed the hearing and the commission discussed the proposal.

Commissioner Jim Farrell **moved** to approve the zone change and plan amendment with the inclusion of 1734 and 1746 8th Avenue in the mixed use zoning if both property owners agree.

Commissioner Joel Metlen **seconded** the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Joel Metlen, Commissioner Carrie Pellett, Commissioner Jim Farrell, Commissioner Charles Mathews, and Chair Gary Walvatne

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed 5-0-0

(01:08:35)

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

a. Training Needs - It was agreed to wait until the final commissioner has been appointed.

Mr. Boyd asked if there would be interest in a meeting between advisory board Chairs and Vice Chairs to discuss roles and responsibilities. Chair Walvatne noted he would be interested if it came about.

Chair Walvatne revisited the Park and Rec Advisory Board's request for a joint meeting. He stated the Planning Commission has already made their decision and recommendations. Vice Chair Mathews related the Planning Commission made a unanimous decision on what the Parks Master Plan Update should and should not contain. He would be willing to meet to review the red-lined version only, but doesn't believe new changes can be made without re-noticing and reopening the hearing. Commissioners Farrell and Pellett are in agreement. Commissioner Metlen expressed concern with ongoing communication issues. Mr. Boyd will relay the commissioner's comments to staff.

Commissioner Pellett would like to further discuss “First Floor”. Mr. Boyd explained the process for bringing code issues up for discussion, but noted the particular issue of “First Floor” could not be up for discussion until the appeal of the request for an interpretation is completed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM STAFF

(01:41:08)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Walvatne adjourned the meeting.

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