

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



HYBRID/REMOTE AND IN PERSON AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

June 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM by Chair Welch

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Welch, John Cronin, Mike Duerr, Janice Huxford, Todd Welch, Linda Houl, Connor Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Wright, Planning Manager Levitan, Associate Planner Faz, Assistant Planner Needham

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Gary Petershagen

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner J. Davis was excused for her absence.

Guest business: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 5-18-2022 were approved as written. Commissioner Huxford motioned and Commission Houl (6-0-0-1).

Discussion Items:

Planner Faz introduced the Code Clean Up code amendment, which aims to clarify several ambiguous or outdated LSMC Title 14 sections, resulting in unclear or conflicting language. Commissioners were introduced to several examples and noted that a full list of proposed amendments as well as draft code language would be brought back later in the summer. Public hearings are tentatively planned for late summer or early fall.

Planner Needham introduced the Storage Facility code amendment, noting that revised language in LSMC 14.44.044 had originally been proposed as part of the Permissible Uses code amendment in 2021 but that the City Council had requested it be included as a standalone amendment in 2022 to allow for additional discussion. Commissioners responded to several staff questions that were included in the staff report. They asked about which zoning districts/areas storage facilities are currently allowed, as well as if they were allowed along 20th St SE or within other subareas. Staff noted that they would be briefing the City Council later in the summer and would be holding another work session with Planning Commission before moving on to public hearings.

Commissioner Reports: Chair Welch will not be able to attend in person on June 15th and requested that Vice Chair Duerr run the meeting. Commissioner Duerr was happy the Farmer's Market is back and noted that it appeared very busy. Commissioner Cronin reported the Bert Cronin scholarships have been distributed. Commissioner Hoult confirmed we were meeting twice each month in the summer, excluding July 6th. Commissioner Huxford asked for an update on the short-term rentals code amendment and any feedback from the City Council. She asked if regulations could differ depending on zoning district. Director Wright said that could be a possibility.

Director's Report:

Director Wright provided an updated on the short-term rentals code amendment.

Adjourn: Moved by Commissioner Hoult, seconded by Commissioner Duerr to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-1).

Jennie Fenrich, Planning Commission Clerk