

MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 10, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call: Chairperson Bautch, Commissioners, Thorson, Koch and Murphy

Chairperson Bautch called to order the Regular Planning Commission meeting on May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: Michelle Koch, and Ron Thorson. Excused Absence: Gloria Murphy and John Hughes, Council Representative. Also present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Koch made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for April 2022

No discussion on Letters and Communications

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- A. April 12, 2022

Thorson made a motion to approve the April 12, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes as typewritten. Bautch seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Discuss Business/Commercial buildings exterior color

Koch stated that when she saw the colors of Pancho's Restaurant, she became concerned about the potential for other new business owners along the Lake Drive corridor painting their business hot pink or something that was unappealing. Bautch stated he would be concerned about being too restrictive for new businesses. Discussion ensued.

Petracek explained a conversation he had with the city attorney, and his opinion was that imposing architectural or aesthetic standards on new construction would be allowed, but imposing these types of restrictions on existing buildings or businesses would not be recommended. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Planning Commission was to not move forward with further discussion about this topic.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. April 7, 2022
- B. April 21, 2022

Discussion about the public hearings involving the road projects. Koch asked when the projects would commence. Petracek stated that North Highway Dr. bid opening is tomorrow, and could potentially be scheduled for July. The Hamline Drive project is being conducted by the City of Blaine, and Petracek was not sure of the timeframe for that project. Discussion ensued.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Thorson asked about regulations for feral cats and if the City could do anything about them. Petracek stated that there are not any regulations in the code book for feral cats, but he did say that if a property owner was planning on “live trapping” a feral cat, they should consider State laws about how to handle or relocate a feral animal. Discussion ensued.

Bautch asked about people not mowing in the month of May to help the bee population. Petracek stated that we generally do not start serious enforcement of tall grass and weeds until June so it probably would not be a concern. Discussion ensued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Koch made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.