Saint Paul Planning Commission

City Hall Conference Center Room 40 15 Kellogg Boulevard West Action Minutes

> January 13, 2012 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

I. Approval of minutes of December 30, 2011.

<u>MOTION</u>: Commissioner Ward moved approval of the minutes of December 30, 2011. Commissioner Gelgelu seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- II. Chairs Announcements
- III. Planning Director's Announcements
- IV. Resolutions of Appreciation for Departing Commissioners

Commissioner Nelson read a resolution thanking Commissioner Fernandez for his service on the Planning Commission.

<u>MOTION:</u> Chair Commers moved approval of the resolution honoring Commissioner Fernandez. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Commissioner Ward read a resolution thanking Chair Commers for his service on the Planning Commission.

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Nelson moved approval of the resolution honoring Chair Commers. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Commers read a resolution thanking Commissioner Kramer for his service on the Planning Commission.

<u>MOTION:</u> Chair Commers moved approval of the resolution honoring Commissioner Kramer. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

V. **PUBLIC HEARING:** North End-South Como District 6 Plan – Item from the Neighborhood Planning Committee. (*Penelope Simison*, 651/266-6554)

<u>MOTION</u>: Commissioner Wencl moved to close the public hearing, leave the record open for written testimony until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and to refer the matter back to the Neighborhood Planning Committee for review and recommendation. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VI. Zoning Committee

STAFF SITE PLAN REVIEW – List of current applications. (Tom Beach, 651/266-9086)

One item came before the staff Site Plan Review Committee on Tuesday, January 17, 2012:

■ New Science Education Center for Metropolitan State University, three story building with skyway connection across 6th Street located at 654 East 6th Street. This is a *preliminary* site plan review.

OLD BUSINESS

#11-299-652 Cityview Apartments, Inc. – Rezoning from B2 Community Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood. 743 3rd Street East. (*Sarah Zorn*, 651/266-6570)

<u>MOTION</u>: Commissioner Kramer moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the rezoning. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

#11-308-683 Cityview Apartments, Inc. – Conditional Use Permit for conversion of commercial storefront to residential use. 743 3rd Street East. (*Sarah Zorn*, 651/266-6570)

<u>MOTION</u>: Commissioner Kramer moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the conditional use permit subject to additional conditions. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

#11-307-389 Marquette Apartments LLC (Western) – Rezoning from RM2 Medium-Density Residential to T2 Traditional Neighborhood. 204 Western Avenue N, NE corner at Dayton. (*Kate Reilly*, 651/266-6618)

<u>MOTION</u>: Commissioner Kramer moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the rezoning. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

#11-310-568 Metropolitan State University – Conditional Use Permit for a wind turbine on a freestanding pole 104 feet high. 645 7th Street East, between Maria and Mounds. (*Kate Reilly*, 651/266-6618)

Commissioner Kramer announced that this case has been laid over to the February 2, 2012 Zoning Committee meeting.

VII. Comprehensive Planning Committee

<u>Greater Lowertown Master Plan Summary</u> – Recommendation to release for public review and set public hearing for February 24, 2012.

<u>MOTION</u>: On behalf of the Comprehensive Planning Committee, Commissioner Reveal moved to release the draft for public review and set a public hearing on February 24, 2012. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

- VIII. Neighborhood Planning Committee
- IX. Transportation Committee
- X. Communications Committee
- **XI.** Task Force Reports
- XII. Old Business
- **XIII.** New Business
- XIV. Adjournment

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Planning Commission Members: PLEASE call Sonja Butler, 651/266-6573, if unable to attend.