

## **Saint Paul Planning Commission**

### **Notice to Commissioners and the public:**

The chair of the Planning Commission has determined that it is not practical nor prudent for the Planning Commission and its Committees to meet in-person or pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.02. In light of the COVID-19 health pandemic, it is not feasible for any member of Planning Commission to be present at the regular location, and all members of the Planning Commission will attend this meeting by telephone or other electronic means.

It is also not feasible for members of the public to attend the meeting at its regular location due to the health pandemic and emergency. Accordingly, no meeting will be held in City Hall Conference Center Room 40 at 15 W. Kellogg Boulevard.

### **Minutes August 21, 2020**

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, August 21, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. via Skype or conference call.

**Commissioners Present:** Mmes. Anderson, Grill, Mouacheupao, Underwood; and Messrs. Baker, Edgerton, Hoang, Hood, Lindeke, Perryman, Rangel Morales, Risberg, Syed, and Vang

**Commissioners Absent:** Mmes. \*DeJoy, \*McMurtrey, \*Oliver  
\*Excused

**Also Present:** Luis Pereira, Planning Director; Kirstin Birch, Fair Housing Coordinator; Kate Rodrigues and Samantha Langer, Department of Planning and Economic Development staff.

#### **I. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Rangel Morales had no announcements. MEETING STARTED 13:30

#### **II. Planning Director's Announcements**

Luis Pereira announced that the RM zoning study was introduced for a first reading at City Council on August 19, 2020.

Mr. Pereira announced that some progress has been made on transitioning from Skype to Microsoft Teams for the Planning Commission and Committee meetings. A technical license needs to be purchased for a phone call-in option and other management issues still need to be addressed.

Mr. Pereira provided an update from the Steering Committee. They revisited the topic of

Committee membership structure and size as well as the engagement of the Commission in the broader community. He will meet with the Chair to summarize the discussion and figure out the next steps.

Mr. Pereira provided the introduction to the new Director of Planning and Economic Development, Nicolle Goodman

### **III. Zoning Committee**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW** – List of current applications. (*Tia Anderson, 651/266-9086*)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Edgerton said there are no new applications for the August 27, 2020 Zoning Committee. The Committee will use the time to discuss a revised staff proposal for reviewing zoning applications for equity considerations and Comprehensive Plan consistency. The meeting is open to the public; however, it is not a public hearing where testimony will be taken.

### **IV. S.A.F.E. Housing Tenant Protections Ordinance**

Presentation by Kirstin Burch, Fair Housing Coordinator and Kate Rodrigues, Project Manager.

### **V. Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee**

Commissioner Grill said they met this week to discuss the Definition of Family zoning study and they have laid it over to their September 9, 2020, meeting to allow staff in the Department of Safety and Inspection (DSI) to continue discussions about the changes and how it would impact DSI's work.

Commissioner Grill said they covered proposed amendments to the Ford Site redevelopment plan and that should come to the Planning Commission on September 4, 2020.

Commissioner Grill said they discussed the TIF process, and they would like to learn more from staff at a future Committee or Commission meeting.

### **VI. Communications-Nominations Committee**

Commissioner Underwood said they are continuing to review recent applications. They will have a committee meeting soon to make recommendations.

### **VII. Task Force/Liaison Reports**

Luis Pereira announced that he participated in Hillcrest Community Advisory Committee input session. There were over 100 participants listening and they also had a chance to submit questions in writing that were answered by the consultant, City staff including Bill Dermody and Mike Richardson, and Monte Hilleman of the Port Authority. They will review the input and continue with the technical studies of these approaches and preparing for final scenarios to present in the fall.

**VIII. Old Business**

None.

**IX. New Business**

None.

**XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

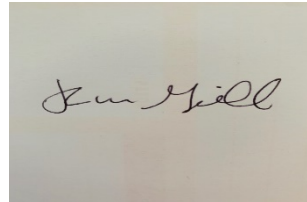
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Respectfully submitted,

Approved February 19, 2021  
(Date)



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Planning Director



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