

# Saint Paul Planning Commission

## Action Minutes

March 19, 2021

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**Notice to Commissioners and the public:** See below for information on members who may attend by telephone or other electronic means.

**I. Swearing in New Commissioners Richard Holst, Libby Kantner, Deborah Mitchell, Stephen Moore, and Seanne Thomas.**

New Planning Commission members Richard Holst, Libby Kantner, Deborah Mitchell, Stephen Moore, and Seanne Thomas were sworn in by Shari Moore, City Clerk.

**II. Chairs Announcements**

**III. Planning Directors Announcements**

**IV. Zoning Committee**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

#21-225-115 James Avenue Apartments – \*\*Conditional use permit for a 65' 8" building height. Variances for front yard setback (25' minimum, 18 ft. proposed), rear yard setback (11' 9 1/2" minimum, 0' proposed), and side yard setbacks (north: 16' 10" minimum for tall portion, 10' proposed; 11' 9 1/2" minimum for short portion, 10' proposed; south: 16' 10" minimum, 10' proposed). 1074 James Avenue, between Lexington Parkway and I-35E. *(Mike Richardson, 651/ 266-6621)*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Baker moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to approve the conditional use permit subject to additional conditions and approval of the variances. The motion carried 13-2 (Perryman, Taghioff) with 3 abstentions (Mitchell, Moore, Thomas) on a roll call vote.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

#21-237-397 North End Community Center – \*\*Conditional use permit for a multi-use community recreation center, with modification of conditions to permit parking in the minimum front yard and principal access to be from Lawson Street. Variance for parking front setback (25' minimum, 7' proposed). 1025 Rice Street, NW corner at Lawson. *(Menaka Mohan, 651/26-6093)*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Baker moved the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the conditional use permit subject to additional conditions, and approve the variance for parking setbacks. The motion carried 15-0 with 3 abstentions (Holst, Moore, Thomas) on a roll call vote.*

#21-239-633 Lexington Landing Phase II – Conditional use permit for a 50’ building height. 915 Albion Avenue, NW corner at W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. *(Kady Dadlez, 651/266-6619)*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Baker moved the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the conditional use permit subject to an additional condition. The motion carried 16-0 with 2 abstentions (Moore, Thomas) on a roll call vote.*

#21-241-161 Grand-Cleveland Parking Lot – Site plan review for parking lot condition amendment. 2115 Summit Avenue, NW corner of Grand & Cleveland. *(Josh Williams, 6651/266-6659)*

*Commissioner Baker reported that the Zoning Committee has laid this case over to the March 25, 2021 meeting.*

Commissioner Baker announced the items on the agenda at the next Zoning Committee meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

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

Homeless Services Zoning Study - Initiate study and release proposed code amendments for public review and set public hearing for April 30, 2021. *(Bill Dermody, 651/266-6617)*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Grill moved on behalf of the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee to release the proposed code amendments for public review and set a public hearing on April 30, 2021. Commissioner DeJoy seconded the motion. The motion carried 16-0 with 3 abstentions (Underwood, Kantner, Thomas) on a roll call vote.*

Parking Study - Release the study and its proposed text amendments for public comment and set the public hearing for April 30, 2021. *(Tony Johnson, 651/266-6620)*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Grill moved on behalf of the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee to release the parking study with proposed text amendments for public comment and set a public hearing on April 30, 2021 with the additional conditions that staff explore additional community engagement with district councils and community and report back before the April 30<sup>th</sup> date on the engagement that has occurred. Commissioner Hood seconded the motion. The motion carried 17-0 with 1 abstention (Moore).*

## **VI. Planning Commission Authorities - Informational presentation.**

Because of the lengthiness of this meeting, this presentation has been laid over to the next

Planning Commission meeting on Friday, April 2, 2021.

**VII. Transportation Committee**

**VIII. Communications-Nominations Committee**

**IX. Task Force/Liaison Reports**

**X. Old Business**

**XI. New Business**

**XII. Adjournment**

**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.

Information on agenda items being considered by the Planning Commission and its committees can be found at <http://www.stpaul.gov/planningcommission>

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