

**City of Columbus**  
**Regular Planning Commission Meeting**  
**May 15, 2013**

The May 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Planning Commission for the City of Columbus was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Barbara Hvass at the City Hall. Present were Commission members Myron Organ, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, Jody Krebs, and Garth Sternberg; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Planner Dean Johnson, and Recording Secretary Karen Boland.

Also in attendance were City Council member Denny Peterson, Bob Moorhouse, Doug Schliesing, Kathy Haluptzok, Ken Hansen, Chuck Weymann, Steve and Rosie Ulrich, Ceil Neihart, David Guzzo, Steven Jensen, and Mayor Dave Povolny (7:50 p.m.).

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion* by Krebs to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Preiner. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - TOM SWENSON RESIDENTIAL ZONE BUSINESS IUP APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2013**

*Motion* by Krebs to approve the minutes from the Tom Swenson Interim Use Permit application Public Hearing held on April 3, 2013. Second by Preiner. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL - REGULAR PC MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2013**

*Motion* by Preiner to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013 regular Planning Commission meeting as written. Second by Krebs. Motion carried.

Krebs asked about a Condition (o.) on the application. She wanted to know if the applicant actually contacted Anoka County Environmental Services for a permit for hazardous waste. Mursko said she knows the applicant called and was trying to determine which type of permit he needs. He must submit the permit to the City, but there was no timeframe set. Mursko will follow-up with him to see the condition is met.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – FOREST LAKE CONTRACTING, INC., REVOCATION OF CUP AND INTERIM USE PERMIT APPLICATION (PC-13-103)**

At this time a public hearing was held to receive testimony regarding the requests of Forest Lake Contracting, Inc., to revoke the Conditional Use Permit originally issued to Leroy Haluptzok d.b.a. John's Black Dirt, in exchange for an Interim Use Permit issued to Forest Lake Contracting, Inc. Separate minutes are prepared.

**FOREST LAKE CONTRACTING, INC., CUP REVOCATION/IUP APPLICATION DISCUSSION**

If an IUP is not granted, the applicant will continue with the CUP. The CUP does not expire and can be sold with the property, so the operation could continue until there is no more on-site material. The IUP has an end date, cannot be transferred to a new owner, and gives the City the opportunity to apply more conditions to the business, for instance, regulating operating hours, requiring a monitoring well, restricting the amount of truck traffic, etc.

Johnson recommended adding some language about protocol for residents if well problems occur. The city does not have authority to establish water quality, air quality or noise requirements. Those things are regulated by the federal government. But those federal standards can be stated in the permit for the information of residents.

The applicant agreed to change its request for operating hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, to a closing time of 5:30 p.m. based on the concerns of residents. While the applicant does not typically work on Saturdays, and doesn't plan to on a regular basis, they would like to retain that option in case of unforeseen circumstances. Johnson recommended including a provision for the applicant to give the City advance notice of any Saturday operations, so that the City may notify residents.

Applicant said if any stockpile sits untouched for 10 days, they can put temporary seed on it, to diminish blowing. All trucks are covered, even as they are hauling out of the pit after being loaded.

The City Administrator clarified that notification of this public hearing was made to residents as legally required.

PC members expressed a desire to visit the site after hearing resident concerns. The next PC meeting will be held at the site, pending CC approval. The meeting will begin at the site at 6 p.m. The applicant agreed to be there to allow PC members entry. A request will be made for the City Engineer to join PC members.

*Motion* by Krebs to continue the discussion regarding the IUP application by Forest Lake Contracting and request that the City Council allow Planning Commission members to make a site visit as a group, with the City Engineer, at their next meeting, June 5, 2013, in order to gather more information. Second by Wolowski and Sternberg. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There was no topic raised for discussion for Open Forum.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mursko reported that PC members Sternberg and Anderson have volunteered for the Police Task Force, which held its first meeting on May 1. Mursko gave members a survey for residents about police coverage. It is also available at the City Office. The next Task Force meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

There will be a joint meeting between the PC and the CC on June 19, 2013. The agenda has not yet been established.

The City of Hugo is offering a free Planning 101 Meeting for the Northeast Metro on Thursday, May 30, 2013 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This is another opportunity for members to gain information.

PC members will meet at City Hall at 5:45 p.m. for the site-visit meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. They may then carpool to the site before returning to City Hall to complete their regular meeting.

**ATTENDANCE - NEXT CC MEETING**

Organ, the scheduled attendee at the City Council meeting on May 22, 2013, will not be required to attend.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS' REPORT**

**ORGAN COMMENT**

Organ noted that he doesn't know Bob Moorhouse personally, but he has a long-standing, good reputation in the City.

*Motion* by Krebs to adjourn. Second by Sternberg. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary