

City of Columbus
Regular Planning Commission Meeting
09.18.19

The September 18th, 2019 regular meeting of the Planning Commission for the City of Columbus was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Ron Hanegraaf at the City Hall. Present were Commission members: Kris King, Pam Wolowski, Barb Bobick and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; City Planning Technician Ben Gutknecht; and Recording Secretary Rochelle Busch.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Jesse Preiner; City Council Member Janet Hegland; Myron and Cindy Angel and Todd Carroll.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Krebs to approve agenda as written. Second by Wolowski. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL – PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 7B SIGN REGULATIONS, SECTION 7B-310, I-35 CORRIDOR LARGE OFF-PREMISE SIGNS ON 08.07.19

Motion by Wolowski to approve the Public Hearing minutes for City Code Amendment, Section 7B-310, as written. Second by King.

APPROVAL – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES ON 08.21.2019

Motion by Krebs to approve the minutes of the August 21st, 2019 regular Planning Commission meeting as written. Second by Hanegraaf.

APPROVAL – PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – 15452 ZODIAC ST., VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A TYPE II MOUND SEPTIC SYSTEM AT ZERO INCH SEPERATION (PC19-119) ON 08.21.19

Motion by Bobick to approve the Public Hearing minutes for septic system variation, as written. Second by Wolowski.

APPROVAL – PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – 14474 W FREEWAY DR. FREEWAY MINI STORAGE, VARIANCE REQUEST FROM THE REQUIRED THIRTY-FOOT FRONT YARD SETBACK FOR ACCESSORY RV STORAGE (PC19-118) ON 08.21.19

Motion by King to approve the Public Hearing minutes for Thirty-Foot front yard setback variance, as written. Second by Krebs.

COLUMBUS ORDINANCE 7A

Mursko explained the ordinance changes and explained that with us allowing PUD lot averaging we had been receiving inquiries from developers requesting the same lot averaging in the CR, C/S, LI, C/I, Mixed Use districts. This is allowing that flexibility for developers. Krebs questioned whether this includes the Rural Residential district. Mursko stated that for the Rural Residential District PUD language has not been changed.

Krebs asked for detail on the phasing, discussed in section B. Mursko stated that the developers are allowed to have a PUD developed in phases. However, the developer must bring in the final plats within 2 years. The City would not allow developers to submit the final plats per phase over an extended period of time.

Discussion around item 2 under section C regarding food service was recognized. Mursko explained that regarding senior housing, in a multilevel unit, a developer may want to be able to provide food service to residents or some flexibility around that.

Motion by Hanegraaf to recommend approval to the City Council the proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 7A Planned Unit Development as written. Seconded by King. Motion carried unanimously

PRELIMINARY LANDSCAPING PLAN FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY 97 BRIDGE

Todd Carroll from the Minnesota Department of Transportation completed a presentation regarding landscaping, fencing, monument signs, and branding for the new bridge. His goal is to add interest to the edges to make the bridge appealing. Currently, they are set to plant spring of 2021. Most trees and shrubs that will be incorporated are minimum maintenance plants. The proposed planting will be a mix of trees, evergreens, and shrubs. Once the landscaping project is complete maintenance for 2 years, will be completed by MNDOT. After the 2 years, the city is left to maintain. Wolowski stated woodchips don't sit well on the inclines. She questioned what will be used to prevent wash out. Carroll 4-6 inches of chips, to help keep weeds at bay as well as to keep a good base of woodchips. Mursko asked how to keep weeds at bay. Carroll typically use Round-up; however, they have required a more ecofriendly weed killer in past projects. There are no plans to add a monument sign in the right of way of the freeway, as they are considering the city name on the bridge as a monument. There is a possibility of adding one to the City property.

Mursko stated that the Planning Commission Members should look around and come back with ideas on what they would like to see as landscaping on the new 97 bridge project.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mursko Anoka County eat primary election. Early voting starts on Friday September 20th. Presidential Nomination Primary starts on December 27th.

Planning Commission Meeting on October 2nd is a very full meeting. There will be 4 public hearings. Ordinance updates on 18th of October.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS' REPORT

Krebs 54 bridge will be closed starting the 19th. South bound ramps to 35 will be closed now the 23rd.

Bobick fall fest was a smashing success. Petting zoo was a great addition.

All agreed it was a good time

ATTENDANCE - NEXT CC MEETING

Hanegraaf is scheduled to attend the City Council meeting on September 25th, 2019.

Motion by Krebs to adjourn. Second by Bobick. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rochelle Busch, Recording Secretary

