

**CITY OF COLUMBUS  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
ALTERNATIVE MEETING FORMAT  
STATUTES SECTION 13D.021  
01.20.2021**

The 01.20.2021 Regular Planning Commission meeting for the City of Columbus was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Rob Hanegraaf at the City Hall. Present were Commission member Kris King, Pam Wolowski, Bob Berens and Barb Bobick; City Associate Planner Ben Gutknecht; and Administrative Technician Rochelle Busch. Via Telephone City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko.

Also, in attendance via telephone were: Mayor Jesse Preiner; City Council members: Janet Hegland, Rob Busch, Shelly Logren and Sue Wagamon; Martin and Janet Cole and Adam Novak.

The meeting was held in a telephonic meeting format.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion* by Wolowski to approve agenda as written. Second by King. Votes as follows: King – Aye, Wolowski – Aye, Berens – Aye, Bobick- Aye, Hanegraaf – Aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL – APPROVAL OF JOINT MEETING MINUTES ON 01.06.21**

*Motion* by Bobick to approve the minutes of the 01.06.2021 Joint Planning Commission and City Council meeting, with a change on page 3 from “Hornsby” to “West Freeway Drive”. Second by Hanegraaf. Votes as follows: King – Aye, Wolowski – Aye, Berens – Aye, Bobick- Aye, Hanegraaf – Aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ADAM NOVAK, VARIANCE, 18345 BENDER ST NE (PC21-102) REQUEST**

At this time, a public hearing was opened to consider a request 18345 Bender St NE, Adam Novak, Variance Request from City Code Section 7A-805 (E) reduce the side yard setback for the construction of an accessory building.

On January 13, 2021 it had come to City Staff’s attention that the required mailed Public Hearing Notices had not been delivered to recipients, due to complication within the mailing system, However, legal notice had been published in the Forest Lake Times.

To ensure that all parties have their legal opportunity to be heard, the Public Hearing will be continued to February 03, 2021.

**PUBLIC HEARING – MARTY AND JANICE COLE, VARIANCE REQUEST, PID 30-33-22-33-0042 (PC21-103) REQUEST**

At this time, a public hearing was opened to consider a request for PID 30-33-22-33-0042 Marty and Janice Cole, Variance Request from City Code Section 14-633 to allow the use of a Type III or IV Septic System design as an alternative septic location in lieu of the required Type I.

On January 14, 2021, it had come to City of Columbus staff’s attention that a number of the required mailed Public Hearing Notices had not been delivered to their intended recipients, due to complications within the mailing system.

It also appears that some recipients did in fact receive the correct mailed notice, and the legal notice had also been published in the Forest Lake Times.

To ensure that all parties have their legal opportunity to be heard, the Public Hearing will be continued to February 03, 2021.

**ORGANIZATIONAL DISCUSSION**

*Nominations for Planning Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson*

During this portion of the meeting the Planning Commission must appoint a Chairperson, as well as choose whether to have one member take on role as Vice Chairperson or adopt the rotating Vice Chairperson method.

*Nominations for Chairperson:*

Ron Hanegraaf- nominated by Kris King.

*Nominations for Vice-Chairperson:*

Pam Wolowski – nominated by Barb Bobick

*Motion* made by King for nomination of Ron Hanegraaf for Chair. Second by Wolowski. Motion carried unanimously. Hanegraaf appointed as Chairperson, will be confirmed at the City Council Meeting on 01.27.21.

*Motion* made by Bobick for nomination of Pam Wolowski for Vice Chair. Second by Hanegraaf. Motion carried unanimously. Wolowski appointed as Vice Chairperson, will be confirmed at the City Council Meeting on 01.27.20.

**PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS' REPORT**

King stated she had read an article, that was presented from Mayor Jesse Preiner, of the overall picture of the happenings in Columbus. She noted that it was nice to see it personalized and bringing the community in to the goings on of Columbus.

Wolowski also had read the article and congratulated the Mayor on a job well done. She went on to thank the Planning Commission for the hard work that the members did in 2020.

Bobick welcomed Bob Berens to the Planning Commission and asked for him to give a brief background of himself.

Berens stated he had been a resident for 3 years. He is familiar with the area, as previously he had resided in Lino Lakes. He is eager to get involved and looks forward to working with the Planning Commission.

## **ATTENDANCE - NEXT CC MEETING**

Hanegraaf is scheduled to attend the City Council meeting on 01.27.2021.

***Motion*** by Berens to adjourn. Second by King. Votes as follows: King – Aye, Wolowski – Aye, Bobick - Aye, Hanegraaf - Aye, Berens – Aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rochelle Busch, Administrative Technician