

CITY OF SHOREWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5755 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL / (LIAISON) SCHEDULE

MADDY (Sep) _____
GORHAM (Aug) _____
EGGENBERGER (Dec) _____
DAVIS (Nov) _____
RIEDEL (Oct) _____

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maddy called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Maddy; Commissioners Davis, Eggenberger, Gorham, and Riedel; Planning Director Darling, Bob Kinnis, Northwest Associated Consultants, Inc., Chuck Rickart, WSB and Associates, and John Christianson, WSB and Associates

Absent: Council Liaison Johnson

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Mr. Kirmis stated that the 2040 Comprehensive Plan is basically a refinement of the current 2030 Comprehensive Plan. He stated that majority of the changes are mandated changes and some tweaks to update it and make it more accurately reflect the City. He gave an overview and stated that in the effort to update the Comprehensive Plan, input was solicited from residents, staff and City officials. He noted that there were 3 open houses in October of 2017, an on-line survey, as well as an issues ranking survey. He stated that there were four priorities that were revealed as part of the input process: protecting and improving the natural environment, including tree preservation and new parks, promoting high quality redevelopment projects that fit the community; creating a bikeable and walkable community through the introduction of new trails and connectivity throughout the community and key locations; ensuring a livable community through stormwater management, proactive code enforcement, and building relationships with nearby communities. He gave an overview of the components included in the updated Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the low to medium density has been changed from 2-3 units per acre to 3-6 units per acre, the medium density has changed from 3-6 units per acre to 6-8 units per acre, and a high density has been added of 8-30 units per acre. He reviewed the two changes to the land use plan of changing the Minnetonka Country Club site to low density residential and the County Road 19/Smithtown Road intersection that reflects the transitional land use between the lower residential uses and the commercial uses. He reviewed the Affordable Housing requirements but noted that difficulty of the City being able to realistically reach the Met Council's objectives. He stated that once there is an approved draft of Comprehensive Plan it will be submitted to surrounding communities and school districts for comment and then in 6 months it will be brought back to the Planning Commission for review once again. He stated that the deadline from the Met

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Commissioner Davis stated that she thinks the City focuses too much on the fact that there is only Met Transit 670 and 671 coming through the City, when in reality, most people get in their cars and drive to Charhassen or Eden Prairie and take the coach.

Pat Arnet, 5400 Teal Circle, asked what the updated status of Eureka Road would mean physically.

Mr. Rickan stated that it is simply updating the designation of the roadway from a local street to a collector street because of the traffic volume. He noted that there are no current plans to upgrade Eureka Road or any of the roads mentioned in the Comprehensive Plan it is just getting them into their correct designation.

Chair Maddy confirmed that this is just calling it what it already is.

Commissioner Eggenberger asked Planning Director Darling what happens when the City re-designates the roads and whether it changes the way City staff looks at projects.

Planning Director Darling stated that she does not expect there to be any significant change to how Eureka Road is used. She answered that there may be some things done differently if a road is re-designated, such as asking for more right-of-way if there are subdivisions along the roadway.

Commissioner Enoschases noted that he was really talking about roadways and gave the example of CM4

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public system and the other half has private wells. He stated that they are not projecting any long-term additions to wells, towers, or equipment.

Commissioner Rindel asked about long-term projections for the level of the aquifer.

Mr. Christianson stated that the DNR is placing a greater emphasis on working to understand the impacts that ground water has on the aquifers as well as surface waters. He stated that he is not aware of any studies that show a strong interaction in the City between ground water and surface water.

Commissioner Gorham stated that he has seen that the City is encouraging people to hook up to the City system and asked what the benefit would be.

Planning Director Darling stated that where the watermain are already in place, it increases the customer base for the infrastructure, so more residents are sharing the cost.

Chair Maddy indicated that there are other benefits as well.

Chair Maddy opened the Public Testimony portion of the Public Hearing at 7:53 P.M.

But Janet, 5480 Teal Circle, stated that she was on the Park Commission for the 2008 Comprehensive Plan

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to call them in to either herself or Public Works and staff would have S&S look at them when they are in the area.

Commissioner Eggenberger suggested this information be included in the newsletter.

Commissioner Riedel stated that many of the trees in the urban areas are reaching the end of their lifespan and agrees that the City should have a more active plan for tree management.

Chair Maddy asked Mr. Kirnis if tree management is usually included as part of a Comprehensive Plan or if that is something the City government should be doing apart from the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Kirnis stated that he thinks the Comprehensive Plan is the perfect starting point for it by establishing a policy so when the time comes to form an ordinance, it is based on a Comprehensive Plan directive.

Planning Director Darling stated that a new policy can be added in or some of the language can be strengthened in some of the existing policies to address tree management as well as preservation.

Commissioner Riedel stated that he believes this topic was number one in the public input.

Mr. Asst. stated that when the Minnetonka Country Club property was sold to Matthew Horan, a new

4. OTHER BUSINESS - None

5. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR - None

6. REPORTS

*** Liaison to Council**

In Council Liaison Johnson's absence, Commissioner Riedel gave a report on matters considered and actions taken during Council's last meeting (as detailed in the minutes for that meeting). He noted that the Council voted unanimously against the variance for signage for the Starbuck's location.

Planning Director Darling noted that the Council did approve the digital order confirmation sign for Starbuck's.

*** Update on Projects Approved**

Planning Director Darling noted that the crews have finished all the backhoes in the first pass and have