

Planning Commission Meeting
October 26, 2017
7:00 PM

Call to Order:

Councilmember Katy Ross called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Katy Ross, Commissioners, Nancy Reid, David Pfuhl, and Kara Ries.

Staff: City Administrator Mike Robertson, City Planner Ben Gozola, Recording Secretary Gretchen Needham and Videographer Maureen Anderson.

Absent: Commissioners Bob Turkington, Paul Lesieur, and Joyce Yoshimura-Rank.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Ries moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Reid seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Reid moved to approve the September 26, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Pfuhl seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Preliminary Public Hearing—Updated 2018 Comprehensive Plan

City Planner Gozola presented revisions to the Comprehensive Plan. He said the draft plan as proposed is to maintain the current vision of the City from the 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Councilmember Ross asked whether the Plan should talk about the development of the last ten years. Planner Gozola said he would add a paragraph doing that to the first chapter.

Councilmember Ross asked what the timing would be. Planner Gozola said there is a 6-month review process by surrounding cities before a final review by the Planning Commission to review any comments. In the meantime, the City will meet with the Metropolitan Council to review their comments and edits submitted from Commissioners will be incorporated.

Chair Ross opened the public hearing for the proposed Comprehensive Plan at 7:25 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Chair Ross suggested continuing the public hearing until the November 30, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. The public is welcome to make comments and suggestions on the Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes—House Height Regulations

As Commissioner Lesieur was not present; the House Height regulations will be discussed at the November 30, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

City Update:

City Administrator Robertson met with the Mayor, North Oaks Company officials, and NOHOA to discuss the future of the gatehouse. The goal is to get a resolution for the issue in the spring of 2018.

Roughly 225 lots remain available for development in North Oaks.

Traps will be set for deer in November and the USDA will also be shooting again. Commissioner Ries suggested mice be targeted by removal by the City since they are a vector of Lyme disease.

Other Business:

Council Member Ross suggested that Commissioners review GTS educational classes that are available and sign up for whatever is relevant to their duties on the Commission.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Ross made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reid seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 30, 2017