

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Campbell at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 100 Village Center Drive Suite 150, City of North Oaks. Also present were Commissioners Dick Hara, Nancy Reid, Joyce Yoshimura-Rank, Bob Turkington, Kara Ries and City Council Liaison Katy Ross. City Administrator Mike Robertson, Administrative Assistant Linda Hanson and Videographer Maureen Anderson were also present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**With a minor addition for a City Administrator Update, Commissioner Turkington moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reid and passed unanimously.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Commissioner Turkington moved to approve the Minutes from the May 28, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reid and passed unanimously.**

### **New Business**

#### **1. Zoning Ordinance Update- Fence Setback regarding Pools**

Administrator Robertson stated that when the ordinance regulating fences was changed to allow fences within the setback, the Swimming Pool ordinance did not reflect that change.

Robertson recommended bringing the Swimming Pool ordinance into compliance.

Commissioner Ries also noted that section 151.034 would also need to be changed to correct the reference number. Robertson agreed.

A question came up about the Public Hearing for this ordinance change. Robertson said that he had intended to hold a public hearing on all the changes in the Zoning Ordinance at one time. However, since the changes seem to be on-going he asked the Planning Commission whether they would like to start holding hearings now. Chair Campbell suggested that Public Hearings should take place for the changes to this point and that when hearings are scheduled that the information be added to both the City website and the NOHOA email blast.

A discussion came up about putting public hearing notices in the North Oaks News.

Robertson said that since the North Oaks News is published only once a month it's difficult to meet the required public notification deadlines. That's why the Shoreview Press is used.

Chair Campbell suggested that the City contact Shoreview Press and ask that all North Oaks residents get a copy of the paper.

#### **2. Potential Housing Maintenance Ordinance**

Mayor Mike Egelston came to the podium to explain reason for this proposed ordinance.

Mayor Egelston said many realtors have told both him and former Mayor John Schaaf that they will not take clients into some of the older parts of North Oaks because some of the homes or lots are not taken care of. Mayor Egelston stated that it is important that homes are taken care of and perhaps the City could do something to see that this is done. He would like to see a logical, reasonable, fair ordinance that would protect property values by assuring

that homes are properly maintained. Mayor Egelston added that a Committee has already been formed to attempt to preserve homes that have architectural value.

Commissioner Dick Hara had a concern about policing this type of ordinance. Administrator Robertson stated that the City would be complaint driven and that the Architectural Supervisory Committee would also be involved. The specifics would have to be spelled out in the ordinance.

Chair Campbell stated that it may be difficult to define disrepair and that not many homes in North Oaks are in disrepair. He would like to see what gated communities do about this type of thing. Commissioner Reid stated that the ordinance would have to be measurable or clear cut. Commissioners agreed that this ordinance would cover only the outside of the home.

**3. City Administrator Update**

Administrator Robertson informed the Commission that a change was made to allow driveways in Charley Lake Preserves to be 24 feet wide rather than the 18 feet identified in earlier documents. No one on the staff or Planning Commission could remember why 18 feet had been set as a limit. Robertson thought it may have been because the requirements were carried over from the earlier proposal of 120 town homes.

**Next Meeting**

The next Planning Commission Meeting is Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 100 Village Center Drive

**Adjournment**

**On motion made by Commissioner Dick Hara, seconded by Commissioner Joyce Yoshimura-Rank and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.**

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair Bill Campbell

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Linda Hanson  
Recording Secretary