

Planning Commission Meeting
September 27, 2018
7:00 PM

Call to Order:

Chair Ries called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Kara Ries, Commissioners Paul Lesieur, David Pfuhl, Bob Turkington, and Council Member Katy Ross.

Staff: Recording Secretary Gretchen Needham and City Administrator Mike Robertson.

Absent: Commissioners Nancy Reid and Joyce Yoshimura-Rank.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Ross moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lesieur seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Ross moved to approve the August 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Pfuhl seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Consider CUP 18-05—9 Red Forest Way, Construction of Garage Space Larger than 1,500 Square Feet

Jiyan Liu and Yanhui Tian are requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct a garage larger than the allowed 1,500 square feet at 9 Red Forest Way. Administrator Robertson noted the applicants had provided elevation drawings and a colored rendering. Commissioner Lesieur stated the drawings were good. Councilmember Ross suggested one of the conditions of approval should be removal of the shed. The commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Ross moved to recommend approval CUP 18-05 with five conditions including removal of the existing shed upon completion. Commissioner Lesieur seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Consider CUP 18-07—2 Eagle Ridge Road, Larger than Allowed Garage Space and Movement of over 100 Cubic Yards of Soil

Administrator Robertson noted that Steve and Christine Finnegan are requesting a CUP to construct a garage larger than the allowed 1,500 square feet at 2 Eagle Ridge Road. As part of this process, a CUP to remove 137 cubic yards of soil is also needed as the garage would be constructed into an existing hill to minimize the difference in grade with the existing garage. Steve Finnegan was present and noted that he will be the general contractor and that the new garage is being built into the hill to also hide the height of it.

Sheila Casey of 4 Eagle Ridge Road voiced concerns about the amount of dirt being moved and asked how close it will be to her. Mr. Finnegan said that the garage will be 37 feet from the property line.

Commissioner Ross moved to approve CUP 18-07 with 5 conditions. Commissioner Lesieur seconded. Motion was approved 4 to 1 with Commissioner Pfuhl opposed.

Public Hearing—Proposed Comprehensive Plan Update

Chair Ries opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. No members of the public made comments.

Administrator Robertson reviewed the proposed changes to the plan. He noted that these changes had been suggested by the North Oaks Company and that they had been made since the last Planning Commission meeting. The Commission agreed the proposed changes were minor. He said that the NOHOA committee had some comments that he reviewed with them a few days before. These comments will be incorporated into the draft plan the Commission will review in October. Commissioner Ross suggested each iteration be labeled to keep track of the versions.

Commissioners asked to receive a current electronic copy of the plan. They also suggested that after the October hearing that the plan be held for a month for a final edit before being submitted to the City Council in December.

The Public Hearing was continued until the October meeting.

City Update:

Councilmember Ross and Administrator Robertson updated the Commission on recent happenings.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Lesieur made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ross seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:58 pm.

Next Planning Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 25, 2018