

Minutes

Planning Commission Meeting

7:00pm October 11, 2022

Auditorium

Commissioner Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Members Present: Commissioner Joanna Jacobs, Commissioner Neil Syvertson, Commissioner Amy Penaz, Commissioner Sarah Kahn

Members Absent: Commissioner Ryan McDonald

Zoning Administrator Present: Diane Pedersen

Approve minutes from September 13, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Kahn second by Commissioner Penaz to approve the minutes from September 13, 2022. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried

Public Comment - None

New Business

1. Ryan Raisanen

- a. Had requested to be on the agenda regarding the purchase of 1104 Main Street and splitting the lot into two, leaving the current house on one lot and building six townhomes on the second lot, back-to-back- with Ethel's Place townhomes.
 - i. This would require a conditional use permit to apply R-2 zoning regulations to the property. The property would remain zoned R-1 with the Conditional Use of Section 7.04 Zoning Ordinance which would apply R-2 Bulk regulations to the property to allow the construction of the project. the same as Ethel's Place.
 - ii. The current lot is 115x330 or 37,950 square feet. Minimum lot width for a single-family home is 45' at the street and 75' at the building. Minimum lot width for a Four or More Family Dwelling Unit is 60' at the street and 90' at the building. If split into two lots, the lots would not be wide enough to accommodate both dwellings.
 - iii. The only option would be to tear down the current home and replace it with the townhomes. A conditional use permit would still be required.

2. Review of parking ordinance

- a. Parking path request from GSL Elementary School between the school and the football field. Which is used by the physical education class.
- b. Had requested city council to consider possibly restricting parking on the north side of Merrill Street "while school is in session" and painting a white line creating a walking path from the school to the football field.
- c. The request was made of the school to begin by asking their teachers to park in the parking lot rather than on the street. They were also asked to keep a running total by day and time as to how many cars are parked along the area where they are requesting the walking path to be when they go from the school to the football field so the city would have an idea as to how many cars this request could affect.
- d. MNDot provides project grants to school and communities to provide safe routes to school for students. The school has applied for these grants and has never received one.

- e. The request from the school has changed to just painting a white line on the north side of the street for a walking path but not restricting parking. If a car is parked in the path, the students would just walk around it.
- f. No meeting in November as that is election night. Our next meeting will be in December.

Old Business

1. Guidelines for businesses selling THC and Minnesota edible products.
 - a. Discussion of whether the business in town in a dispensary for prepackaged items or are food items being made in the store? If they are made in the store, is it required to have a commercial kitchen and a commercial kitchen license?
 - b. Should the city be considering an ordinance licensing business selling tobacco and Cannabinoids?
2. Campground – no update currently, will have an update at the December meeting as they will be having their zone meeting next week.
3. MNTAP update – the internship has been discontinued, so this project is on hold until further notice.

Open Discussion - None

Motion by Commissioner Kahn second by Commissioner Penaz to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned 7:40pm