

Minutes
Planning Commission Meeting
7:20pm August 8, 2023
Auditorium

Commissioner Sandie Adams-Bruins called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Members Present: Commissioner Sandie Adams-Bruins, Commissioner Amy Penaz, Commissioner Neil Syvertson, Commissioner Sarah Kahn, Clerk Diane Pedersen.

Members Absent: Commissioner Ryan McDonald

Others Present: Lili Lennox (via phone call)

Approve minutes from July 17, 2023

Motion by Commissioner Kahn second by Commissioner Penaz to approve the minutes from July 17, 2023.

Vote For: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Public Comment - None

Old Business

1. Mural Proposal – Lili Lennox

- a. Has completed murals in several other cities including Milaca, Montevideo, Park Rapids, Twin Cities, Little Falls, Thief River Falls, etc.
- b. The mural would be an 8x16 aluminum panel mural which would be painted in her studio, not on-site, and the panels can be put on any type of wall and are water and weatherproof.
- c. The mural would be completed using a \$7,000 Art Project grant that has no cash match needed this year.
- d. She would like a list of community elements that the city would like to see incorporated into the mural. It was suggested that a resident survey be completed to input.
 - i. Activities and local festivals
 1. Pola-Czesky Day's events
 2. Winterfest
 3. Ice golf
 - ii. People of interest
 - iii. Date established
 - iv. Architectural landmark/park
 - v. Monument
 - vi. Town moto
- e. Process
 - i. Complete grant application – Draft due October 25, application due November 8, 2023
 - ii. Complete design process (takes the longest)
 - iii. Paint the mural – three to four weeks (should be completed by next spring)

Motion by Commissioner Kahn second by Commissioner Penaz to recommend to the city council to move forward with the mural project and to complete a survey for resident input on content. Vote For: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

2. LED sign policy
 - a. All businesses listed must have a physical Silver Lake address.

New Business

1. Cannabis ordinance
 - a. McLeod County is developing a county wide ordinance, the Planning Commission will review a city ordinance once the county one has been developed.
 - b. The Planning Commission's opinion is that cannabis should follow the liquor laws.
2. Review of list of Conditional Use Permits
3. Main Street lots – possible interest in building tiny homes on the lots. No additional correspondence has been received.

Open Discussion

1. 645 Grand Avenue
 - b. The owner has posted partial information on social media.
 - c. McLeod County had previously communicated that they were going to change the address from Grand Avenue to Railroad Street due to a curb cut not being granted onto the city street. When asked the status of this change, it was stated once again that since the city was not granting access to Grand Avenue, they were going to change the address to Railroad Street.
 - d. Monday, August 14, 2023, the city will be repairing the right-of-way off Grand Avenue.

Motion by Commissioner Syvertson second by Commissioner Penaz adjourn the meeting. Vote For: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Adjourn 8:13 pm