



Planning Commission

October 18, 2023

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

Acting Chair McClellan called the Planning Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Pete Borman

John Buyse II

Mike Heuchert

Aaron Klemz

Terry McClellan

Ross Meisner

Absent

Mark Hansen

Others Present

Stacy Stromberg, Planning Manager

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve August 16, 2023, Planning Commission Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Borman to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Buyse.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Acting Chair McClellan declared the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

2. Public Hearing to Consider Plat Request, PS #23-02 for the City of Minneapolis

Motion by Commissioner Meisner to open the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Buyse.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Acting Chair McClellan declared the motion carried unanimously and the public hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m.

Stacy Stromberg, Planning Manager, presented a plat request from the City of Minneapolis. She noted that the Commission reviewed a similar request in April of 2023 and after that public hearing, the City amended its request to create two lots instead of one to better define the property lines for the Minneapolis Waterworks and the Minneapolis Emergency Operations Training Facility. She noted that the 150-acre property is made up of several different parcels, unused alleys, and public rights-of-ways.

The replat will create two lots, lot one will be 127 acres and lot two will be 11 acres, with 11.85 acres dedicated to the East River Road right-of-way. She stated that staff recommends approval of the request.

Commissioner Meisner asked the purpose in changing the request from one parcel to two parcels. John Howe, Minneapolis Water, stated that they decided on two lots to separate the training facility from the Waterworks facility.

Commissioner Klemz asked if there were plans for construction on the site. Mr. Howe replied that nothing will be changing, and this is just to formalize the use of the land.

Commissioner Meisner asked if the replatting of the alleys would come before the Planning Commission.

Ms. Stromberg replied that vacation of right-of-way and alleys would go before the Council. She provided a brief history on how the land became part of the City of Fridley when the City was incorporated and noted that this action would clean up this plat/property. She confirmed that there would not be utilities impacted by the vacation of the alleys/right-of-ways.

Motion by Commissioner Klemz to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Heuchert.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Acting Chair McClellan declared the motion carried unanimously and the public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Meisner recommending approval of Plat Request PS #23-02 City of Minneapolis. Seconded by Commissioner Borman.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Acting Chair McClellan declared the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

3. Approve 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Dates

Ms. Stromberg presented the 2024 meeting dates proposed for the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Buyse approving the 2024 Planning Commission meeting dates. Seconded by Commissioner Heuchert.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Acting Chair McClellan declared the motion carried unanimously.

4. Updates

Ms. Stromberg provided updates on items that will come before the Commission at its next meeting as well as progress on development projects.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Meisner to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Buyse.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Acting Chair McClellan declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Staple, Recording Secretary