



Planning Commission

July 16, 2025

7:00 PM

Fridley City Hall, 7071 University Avenue NE

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Present

Pete Borman

Aaron Brom

Mark Hansen

Mike Heuchert

Aaron Klemz

Absent

Ross Meisner

Paul Nealy

Others Present

Stacy Stromberg, Assistant Community Development and HRA Director

Nancy Abts, Senior Planner

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approve May 21, 2025, Planning Commission Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Brom to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Klemz.

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

Public Hearing

2. Public Hearing to Consider a Special Use Permit, SP #25-03 to Allow an Automobile Service Use at 6301 Highway 65 NE

Motion by Commissioner Klemz to open the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Borman.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Chair Hansen declared the motion carried unanimously and the public hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m.

Nancy Abts, Senior Planner, presented a request for a Special Use Permit to operate an automobile service use at 6301 Highway 65 NE. She provided a history of the site, a site description, the proposal, and information related to code compliance. She explained that the Special Use Permit would authorize a specific use and reviewed the details and proposed stipulations of approval. She asked the Commission to hold the public hearing. Staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit with the stipulations and revocation of SP #79-03 and SP #84-15.

Commissioner Borman referenced the screening and asked for more information. Carlos Ortiz, applicant, commented that there is a fence bordering the neighborhood, but not along 63rd. He stated that they would plan to install a fence and gate.

Commissioner Heuchert requested additional information on parking, and it was confirmed that vehicles can only be parked on approved hard surfaces. Ms. Abts confirmed that the parking available at the site meets the requirements of the City Code.

Mr. Ortiz commented that he wants to open a small mechanical shop at the property.

Commissioner Borman asked if there are floor drains to manage the runoff from vehicles. Pedro Tapia, property owner, commented that there were previously drains that had been covered and will be restored for this use.

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

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Chair Hansen declared the motion carried unanimously and the public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

The Commission expressed support for this use of the property.

Motion by Commissioner Heuchert to recommend approval of SP #25-03 to allow an automobile service use at 6301 Highway 65 NE with stipulations, and revocation of SP #79-03 and SP #84-15. Seconded by Commissioner Klemz.

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

Other Business

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Borman to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Brom.

Upon a voice vote, all voting aye, Chair Hansen declared the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Abts, Staff Liaison