

CITY COUNCIL
Special Planning Workshop

The City Council has set a Special Planning Workshop meeting, inviting the Economic Development Authority and Planning and Zoning Commission members for the purpose of discussing planning and economic development efforts for the City.

9:30 A.M.

July 28, 2021

Present: Richard DeRosier
Shane Hoff
Ben Bautch

Excused: Mayor Wade LeBlanc
Dustin Goutermont

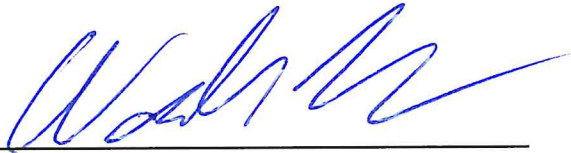
Steven VanHouse – P&Z
Nelson French – P&Z / EDA
Floyd Baker – EDA
Bethany Smuk – EDA – Left 10:30 a.m.
Gary Thompson – Zoning Administrator – Arrived 9:44 a.m.
Lana Fralich – City Administrator – Via ZOOM
David Drown – EDA Director
Joe Rhein – Bolton & Menk – Via ZOOM
Tim Costley – City Attorney – Via ZOOM

Acting Mayor DeRosier called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. The Meeting will be conducted in person with option for ZOOM.

David Drown, Economic Development Director, presented an overview of economic development, planning, and future potential for the Bayview Park area that was created by ARI which includes an area for housing, resort, business cluster, natural preservation, and trails. The current design was developed using a similar concept to the North House Folk School area in Grand Marais and was displayed for all members to review and discuss. There was discussion relating to the repurposing of the existing greenhouse, relating the area to Silver Bay's broader mix of recreational activities, expansion area for future light food manufacturing business, housing developer in line to begin housing portion, finding investors/developers for business cluster area, applying for grant funding where possible, and impacts on planning and zoning. There was further discussion on the pros and cons of having one developer versus multiple developers, availability of housing for employees, lack of industrial areas for businesses, and the need for storage for housing area. Consensus of all members is to have Council review at next City Council meeting and if accepted, refer back to Planning & Zoning to begin with zoning changes.


Motion by DeRosier, second Hoff to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. Ayes – Bautch, DeRosier, and Hoff; Absent – LeBlanc and Goutermont MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by: Lisa Christenson



Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

Attest:



Lana Fralich, City Administrator