

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Present: Steve VanHouse
Richard DeRosier
Nelson French

Excused: Wade LeBlanc
Mike Johnson

Gary Thompson, Planning & Zoning Director
David Drown, EDA Director
Carolyn Hudyma
Faron Meeks

VanHouse called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board Chair Appointment – Motion by DeRosier, second French to appoint Steve VanHouse as Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

Alternate Board Chair Appointment- Motion by French, second VanHouse to appoint Richard DeRosier as Alternate Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second French to approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes- Motion by French, second DeRosier to approve November 8, 2023 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Administrators Report – Nothing at this time.

Communications – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Downtown Zoning Review- Tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Access Easement for J&H Auto Expansion- Drown is working with owners of J&H and an adjacent land owner on the potential expansion of J&H. There was discussion on the option to provide an access easement across city property. Tabled until next meeting.

Alternate Location Options for Lake County HRA Housing Project- Drown provided information regarding the MN Workforce Housing Development Grant Program. There is a short application submission timeline and both Lake County HRA and Blue-Ribbon Builders are interested in applying for housing projects within the City. The preferred building area is behind the Shopping Center. Discussion regarding Mary MacDonald area

as an alternate area, leaving the Mary Mac building in place, current zoning and compliance of area, including the bus garage, maintaining the ballfield, and the possibility of Lake County HRA and Blue-Ribbon Builders applying for MN Workforce Housing grant cooperatively. Consensus of the board is to recommend to Council to consider Mary Mac as a suitable location for housing with rezoning not being a barrier. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by French, second DeRosier to adjourn at 4:21 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson