



Planning Commission Minutes

February 27, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Erin Vrieze Daniels and Commissioners Gordon Vizecky, Susan Rosenberg, Sean Hayford Oleary, Bryan Pynn and Allysen Hoberg

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Dan Kitzberger

STAFF PRESENT: Melissa Poehlman, City Planner
Matt Brillhart, Associate Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Liz Berres, resident

Chairperson Vrieze Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Rosenberg, S/Hayford Oleary to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2016 regular meeting and January 23, 2017 worksession.

Motion carried: 6-0

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ITEM #1

PC Letter #4 – Consider approval of ordinance amendments that will create a Cedar Corridor Overlay District and change the zoning of properties within the Cedar Corridor area (roughly 66th Street to 77th Street, east of 17th Avenue) to match the designations in the Comprehensive Plan.

City Planner Melissa Poehlman presented the staff report and read a letter from the owners of Short Stop (7034 Cedar Avenue).

Liz Berres (6732 17th Avenue) inquired about the buffer distance and screening requirements in the MR-2 district, as well as trash storage regulations.

M/Rosenberg, S/Vizecky to close the public hearing.

Motion carried: 6-0

Commissioner Hayford Oleary stated that recent multi-family and mixed use developments had required fewer than 1.5 parking spaces per unit and stated concern that having a higher parking requirement would put development in Richfield at a competitive disadvantage to other sites.

Chairperson Vrieze Daniels stated that developers are not likely to under build parking for their residents and stated support for lowering the minimum requirement.

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M/Hayford Oleary to recommend approval of the ordinance amendments, with an amendment to reduce the minimum parking requirement in the MU-C district from 1.5 spaces per unit to 1 space per unit. *The motion was not seconded.*

M/Vizecky, S/Rosenberg to recommend approval of the ordinance amendments, as written.
Motion carried: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #2

PC Letter #1 – Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary

M/Vizecky, S/Rosenberg to elect Commissioner Vrieze Daniels as 2017 Chairperson.
Motion carried: 6-0

M/Vrieze Daniels, S/Vizecky to elect Commissioner Hayford Oleary as 2017 Vice-Chairperson.
Motion carried: 6-0

M/Vrieze Daniels, S/Hayford Oleary to elect Commissioner Vizecky as 2017 Secretary.
Motion carried: 6-0

ITEM #3

PC Letter #2 – Appointment of liaisons to the Community Services Advisory Commission, City Council, Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), School Board and Transportation Commission.

2017 Liaison Appointments:

Community Services Advisory Commission – Chairperson Vrieze Daniels

City Council – Commissioner Rosenberg

Housing and Redevelopment Authority – Commissioner Hoberg

School Board – Commissioner Kitzberger

Transportation Commission – Commissioner Hayford Oleary

ITEM #4

PC Letter #3 – Review and Approve Amendment to the Planning Commission Bylaws

Bylaws were adopted by unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

LIAISON REPORTS

Community Services Advisory Commission: No report

City Council: Commissioner Rosenberg – special Mayoral election March 7

HRA: No report

Richfield School Board: No report

Transportation Commission: Commissioner Hayford Oleary – Bicycle Master Plan update

Chamber of Commerce: Commissioner Vizecky – State of the City address February 27

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CITY PLANNER'S REPORT

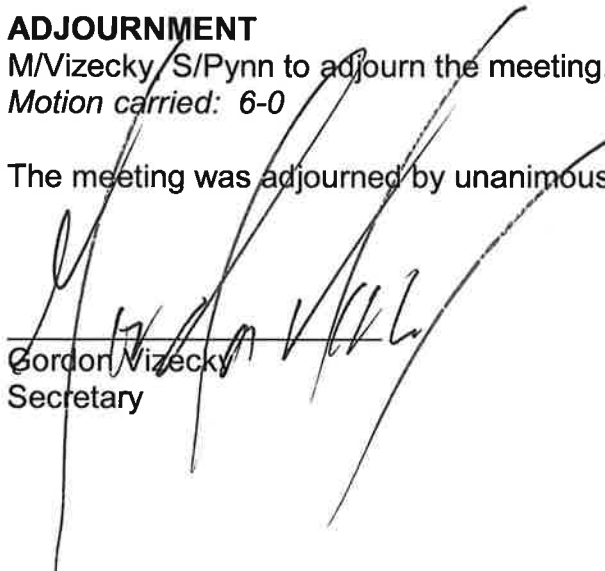
Poehlman noted that applications had been received for the Comprehensive Plan advisory committee and that interviews would be held soon, with a goal of holding the first meeting in early April. Poehlman notified commissioners that an update on the Southdale Library redevelopment would be presented at a joint worksession with the City Council on March 14.

ADJOURNMENT

M/Vizecky / S/Pynn to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried: 6-0

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at **7:47 p.m.**



Gordon Vizecky
Secretary