

Saint Paul Planning Commission
City Hall Conference Center Room 40
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
Action Minutes
Friday, March 29, 2024
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

II. Chair's Announcements

Planning Commission Chair reminded the commissioners of the number of items on the agenda. There are commissioners who need to leave at a specific time; she asked that commissioners please be mindful of the time.

Commissioner Risberg made a motion to add an agenda item. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

III. Planning Director's Announcements

Director Pereira announced that the electric vehicle ordinance is being discussed at City Council. The council is discussing adding amendments to the ordinance. Director Pereira reminded the commission that the national planning conference is upcoming and will be taking place in Minneapolis with several workshops in Saint Paul. Director Pereira also announced that he is stepping down as Planning Director for the City of Saint Paul. His last day will April 8, 2024.

IV. Resolution honoring Planning Director Luis Pereira

Planning Commission Chair Grill read aloud a resolution honoring Luis Pereira. A motion to adopt the resolution was moved by Commissioner Risberg and seconded by Commissioner Hackney. The resolution was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

V. Zoning Committee

Commissioner Taghioff gave the report for the committee.

#24-017-011 1984 Marshall Rezoning – Rezone from RM1 multiple family to RM2 multiple family. 1984 Marshall Avenue, SW corner of Marshall Avenue and Moore Street, Rm1 District Council 13, Ward 4. (*Christina Hong, 651/266-6572*).

The committee recommendation is to deny the application for rezoning of 1984 Marshall Avenue. There was discussion among the commissioners. There was a roll call vote on the rezoning of 1984 Marshall Avenue. The rezoning passed 12-2 (Holst, Hood) on a roll call vote.

#24-016-929 892 E. 7th Rezoning – Rezone from B3 general business to T3 traditional neighborhood. 893 7th Street E., NE corner of 7th Street and Minnehaha Avenue. B3, District Council 4, Ward 6. (*Christina Hong, 651/266-6572*)

The committee voted to approve the rezoning. The motion was passed unanimously on a voice vote by the Planning Commission.

#24-016-948 892 E. 7th CUP – Conditional use permit to increase building height an additional 5 ft. (55 ft. allowed). 892 7th Street E., NE corner of 7th Street and Minnehaha Avenue. B3, District Council 4, Ward 6. (*Christina Hong, 651/266-6572*)

The motion out of committee is to approve the conditional use permit of 892 7th St. E. The motion pass unanimously on a voice vote.

VI. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

Commissioner Holst gave the report for the committee. Commissioner was not at the last meeting. There are two presentations today covering the agenda items. Bill Dermody will be presenting on the Heights Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Drive Through Zoning Study.

Commissioner Presley reported to the commissioners the discussion on the Cannabis Zoning Study that the committee engaged in. The committee received a staff presentation from Tony Johnson and Nellie Jerome. The zoning study will be coming to the Planning Commission on April 12, 2024.

Principle Planner Bill Dermody gave a brief overview of the Heights Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Commissioner Holst moved to adopt the committee’s recommendation and to pass it along to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ortega. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Dermody gave the commission a presentation on the Drive Through Zoning Study. His presentation reviewed the current state of drive throughs in Saint Paul. There was discussion among the commissioners. Commissioner Starling asked about fast food restaurants that no longer allow in restaurant dining? Mr. Dermody stated that is a good question and should be investigated.

Commissioner Holst made a motion to release the zoning study for public review and set a public hearing date of June 7, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Houmas. The motion passed 13-2 (Hackney, Taghioff) on a voice vote.

VII. Transportation Committee

Commissioner Martinson gave the report for the committee. Their next meeting will be on Monday, April 1, 2024.

VIII. Communications-Nominations Committee

None.

IX. Task Force/Liaison Reports

None.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

None.

XII Adjournment

10:10 a.m.