city of saint paul planning commission resolution file number date May 26, 2023

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Zoning Code, found in chapters 60 through 69 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, is established to promote and to protect the public health, safety, morals, aesthetics, economic viability, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 61.801(a) of the Zoning Code calls for periodic review of said code to reflect current city policies, to address current technology and market conditions, and to bring the zoning code up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has established Off-Street Parking Facility Standards and Design in Section 63.300 of the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in Section 63.314, Landscaping, have limited and unclear applicability to typical development scenarios in Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Plan's implementation chapter calls for analyzing and considering revisions to the Zoning Code, including dimensional standards, in response to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, in several Land Use policies, calls for activated streetscapes and pedestrian-friendly urban design; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2023, the Planning Commission initiated a zoning study to consider amendments to the Zoning Code pertaining to the off-street parking facility standards and design in Section 63.300 of the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission duly conducted a public hearing on April 28, 2023 regarding the potential amendments;

WHEREAS, in a memo dated May 26, 2023, the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee submitted a report to the Planning Commission in which recommendations and a rationale for amending specific sections of the Zoning Code regulating parking landscaping and design; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2023, the Planning Commission, based upon the Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee's report and all the testimony received from the April 28, 2023 public hearing, duly submitted its recommendation to amend certain sections of the Zoning Code regulating parking landscaping and design to the Mayor and City Council for its review and consideration; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under provisions of Section 61.801(b) of the Legislative Code, that the Planning Commission directs the Planning Administrator to forward the attached amendments to the Zoning Code to the Mayor and City Council for their review and adoption.

moved by	Holst
seconded by	Thomas
in favor	13
against	0