

Saint Paul Planning Commission
City Hall Conference Center Room 40
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
Action Minutes
July 7, 2023
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from June 9 and June 23, 2023

The minutes for June 9 and June 23 were approved.

II. Public Hearing: Electric Vehicle Charging Study

Principle Planner Bill Dermody gave a brief presentation regarding the electric vehicle charging zoning study. The presentation covered proposed draft amendments as well as the public engagement process.

Acting Planning Commission Chair Presley read the chair script and opened the public hearing. There were two people who testified. Several commissioners engaged in a discussion and asked questions regarding the proposed draft amendments and recommendations.

Acting Planning Chair Presley thanked the commissioners for their questions and comments as well as the two gentlemen who testified.

MOTION: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

III. Chair Announcements

None.

IV. Planning Director Announcements

Director Pereira introduced two new city planners. Christina Hong will be a part of the soon to be formed current planning team that will focus on zoning administration and environmental review. Next Nellie (Anna) Jerome was introduced. Nellie will be a member of the long range planning team that will focus on zoning studies and long range planning.

V. Zoning Committee

Commissioner Syed gave the report for the Zoning Committee. There was one item on the agenda.

#23-048-206 897 Saint Paul Avenue Rezoning – Rezone from OS office-service to T2 traditional neighborhood. 897 Saint Paul Avenue, NW corner at Saunders Avenue. OS, District Council 15, Ward 3. (Spencer Miller-Johnson, 651/266-6093)

The Zoning Committee voted unanimously to approve the application for rezoning. Commissioner Syed moved the committee's recommendation for approval to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Hackney made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation for approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Khadar. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

There was some discussion among the commissioners regarding this difference between this rezoning application and another applicant for a non-conforming use permit.

VI. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

Commissioner Presley gave the report for the committee. The committee met this past Wednesday, July 5, 2023. The committee discussed Phase 2 of the 1-4 Unit Housing Study. The committee will be having further discussions at a special meeting next week.

Transportation Committee

Commissioner Martinson gave the report for the Transportation Committee. The committee last met on June 26. They had no business items on their agenda. There were three presentations for various projects.

VIII. Communications-Nominations Committee

None.

IX. Task Force/Liaison Reports

None.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

None.

XII. Adjourn

9:50 a.m.