

**MINUTES OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE - DRAFT**  
**Thursday, March 25, 2021 - 3:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Baker, DeJoy, Grill, Hood, Rangel Morales, Reilly, Syed, and Taghioff  
STAFF: Mike Richardson, Samantha Langer, Allan Torstenson, and Peter Warner

The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Baker. He stated that the chair of the Planning Commission had determined that due to the COVID-19 pandemic it is neither practical nor prudent for the Zoning Committee to meet in person, and therefore the meeting was being conducted remotely, with all members of the Zoning Committee attending the meeting remotely. The public is also able to join the meeting remotely and can speak during the public hearing portion or submit comments by noon on the day before the meeting.

**1219 St. Clair Rezoning - 21-242-472 - Rezone from B1 local business to T3 traditional neighborhood, 1219 St Clair Avenue, NE corner at Griggs Street**

Mike Richardson presented the staff report with a recommendation of approval for the rezoning. He said District 14 met the previous evening but missed the deadline for submitting written comment. He said there were 0 letters in support and 1 letter in opposition.

Brian Alton, McClay-Alton, 951 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul, said he is representing David Hovda. He said that David has a purchase agreement from Xcel Energy to purchase this property. The intention is to get the property rezoned and then come to the City with a plan for a mixed-use development. They don't have plans yet but, they are looking at possibly having parking underground, one level of commercial and retail use, and housing above.

Alexa Golemo, Executive Director, Macalester-Groveland Community Council, read a letter on behalf of the Housing and Land Use Committee in support of the application (attached).

Cathy Plessner, 2038 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, spoke in support. She said she is glad her district is supporting density, and is thankful for the Comprehensive Plan.

No one spoke in opposition. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Grill moved approval of the rezoning. Commissioner Syed seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0.

Adopted                      Yeas - 8              Nays - 0              Abstained - 0

Drafted by:

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Samantha Langer  
Recording Secretary

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Mike Richardson  
City Planner

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Cedrick Baker  
Chair