



**Saint Paul Planning Commission  
City Hall Conference Center  
15 Kellogg Boulevard West**

**Minutes December 22, 2023**

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, December 22, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

**Commissioners Present:** Mmes.: Grill, Starling, Thomas  
Messrs.: Holst, Johnson Becker, Martinson, Ochoa, Reilly and Taghioff

**Commissioners Absent:** Mmes: Presley,  
Messrs: Hackney, Hood, Houmas, Khadar, Moore, Ortega and Syed.

**Also Present:** Luis Pereira, Karoline Finlay, Nellie Jerome, Yasmine Robinson, Christina Hong, Bill Dermody from Planning and Economic Development and Jane McClure; Highland Villager

**I. Approval of the minutes for the December 8, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting**

The minutes for the December 8, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were reviewed by the commissioners.

**MOTION: Commissioner Risberg moved to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.**

**II. Chair's Announcements**

The chair announced that former Planning Commission Chair Luis Rangel Morales and partner welcomed their baby last week.

### III. Planning Director's Announcements

Director Pereira announced the final meeting of the Anti-Displacement and Community Wealth Building took place on Tuesday of this week. This was the fifth meeting of the committee. Due to a delay in pulling facts together. Partly due to city staff and administration review of recommendations. The goal was to create a list of realistic priorities for the city. This will be coming before the Planning Commission in the future.

### IV. Zoning Committee

#23-103-176 736 Oakdale Rezoning – Rezone from H1 residential to T2 traditional neighborhood. 736 Oakdale Avenue, SE corner of Sidney Street E. and Oakdale Avenue, H1, District Council 3, Ward 2. (Christina Hong, 651/266-6572)

Commissioner Taghioff gave the report for the committee. The committee voted five to zero to approve the staff recommendation for the rezoning.

**MOTION: Commissioner Taghioff moved the committee's recommendation for approval. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

### V. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

Commissioner Holst reported that the committee's meeting was canceled this week and there are no updates.

### VI. Transportation Committee

Saint Paul Bicycle Plan – Release for public review and comment and set a public hearing date of February 2, 2024. Presentation by Jimmy Shoemaker from Public Works. (Bill Dermody, 651/266-6617)

Jimmy Shoemaker from Public Works gave a presentation on the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan. His presentation detailed the intent of the bicycle plan and the work that went into it. Mr. Shoemaker detailed the community engagement process and how that input was incorporated into developing a bicycle plan. Mr. Shoemaker took questions from the commissioners as well.

**MOTION: Commissioner Risberg moved to release the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan for public review and comment and to hold a public hearing on February 2, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinson and the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

### VII. Communications-Nominations Committee

Commissioner Thomas gave the report for the committee. The committee met and discussed the annual report for 2023. Commissioner Thomas invited the commissioners to provide their comments to the annual report.

The committee nominated Commissioner Grill for Planning Commission Chair, Commissioner Presley for First Vice Chair, Commissioner Risberg for Second Vice Chair and Commissioner Ochoa as Secretary.

**MOTION: Commissioner Thomas moved the committee's nominations to be approved by the commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reilly and passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**VIII. Task Force/Liaison Reports**

None.

**IX. Old Business**

None.

**X. New Business**

None.

**XI Adjournment**

9:50 a.m.

Recorded and prepared by:  
Karoline Finlay, Planning Commission Secretary  
Planning and Economic Development Department,  
City of Saint Paul

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Luis Pereira  
Planning Director

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Maurucio Ochoa  
Planning Commission Secretary