

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

Minutes October 2, 2015

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, October 2, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

Commissioners Present: Mmes. McMahon, Merrigan, Noecker, Padilla, Reveal, Thao, Underwood, Wencl; and Messrs. Edgerton, Lindeke, Makarios, and Nelson.

Commissioners Absent: Mmes. *DeJoy, *Shively, *Wang, and Messrs. *Gelgelu, Ochs, *Oliver, *Ward, and Wickiser.

*Excused

Also Present: Donna Drummond, Planning Director; Josh Williams, Anton Jerve, Bill Dermody, and Sonja Butler, Department of Planning and Economic Development staff.

I. Approval of minutes September 4, 2015.

MOTION: *Commissioner Reveal moved approval of the minutes of September 4, 2015. Commissioner Lindeke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

II. Chair's Announcements

Chair Wencl announced that the Zoning Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2015 has been cancelled.

III. Planning Director's Announcements

Donna Drummond announced that the model of the River Balcony that was at the open house event is still on display at the Union Depot if anyone who wasn't able to attend wanted to see it.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING: District 14 Macalester-Groveland Community Plan – Item from the Neighborhood Planning Committee. *(Mike Richardson, 651/266-6621)*

Josh Williams, planning staff, gave a brief power point presentation, which can be viewed on the web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/planningcommission>

Chair Wencl read the rules of procedure for the public hearing.

The following person spoke.

Sheila Sweeney, District 14 Community Council President, 1559 Fairmont Avenue, Saint Paul, MN, 55105. The district council has seen and is fine with the Neighborhood Planning Committee's recommendations for their report. They have not seen the Heritage Preservation Commission's recommendations. She continued to say that this is an opportunity for them to finish this phase of the process that they have been working on for two and one-half years.

Commissioner Nelson was looking at item H2.4 which talks about requesting that the City conduct a study of mass and scale of buildings related to lot size in single family areas, and asked if the recently passed residential design standards address that sufficiently or if further work is desired.

Ms. Sweeney said at this point it does, but further work is desired as well.

Commissioner Edgerton noted that Policy EBD3 calls for coordinating an agreement for shared or co-operative services when reduction of providers creates safety. He stated that this basically has to do with waste management and asked how would that work and is there any kind of jurisdictional ability to make that happen?

Ms. Sweeney said that the policy was put in there as a way of trying to do exactly what it says: to increase public safety by lowering the number of trucks and vehicles like that in the area. MGCC (Macalester-Groveland Community Council) has completed a study of residential trash hauling and they feel that that work can help them in this next 10 year period move forward with helping their businesses to do the same thing.

Commissioner Edgerton noted that Policy E8 calls for exploring the feasibility of residential and public greywater projects in the city. He stated that greywater goes through sinks, it's not toilet water, and asked if they are trying to do something with that type of water and make some use of it, is that the intent of this?

Ms. Sweeney said that is the intent, to explore the possibility of doing that.

Commissioner Merrigan said that the usual template for the plan is currently being updated and she wants to be sure that whatever they distribute to the public is actually a reflection of the plan as it is going to be as opposed to a document that might change and she wants to verify that that is what's going to happen.

Ms. Drummond said she will check on the status of that template, but it would not change any of the contents of the plan, but simply deal with formatting..

MOTION: *Commissioner Nelson moved to close the public hearing, leave the record open for written testimony until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2015, and to refer the matter back to the Neighborhood Planning Committee for review and recommendation. Commissioner Makarios seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

V. Zoning Committee

SITE PLAN REVIEW – List of current applications. (Tom Beach, 651/266-9086)

Two items to come before the Site Plan Review Committee on Tuesday, October 6, 2015: