



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

**Minutes Friday, March 1, 2024**

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, March 1, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Mmes:  
Messrs: Risberg, Houmas, Moore and Syed

**Also Present:** Luis Pereira; Planning Director, Karoline Finlay; Planning Secretary, Yasmine Robinson; Current Planning Team Manager from Planning and Economic Development and Brett Hussong from Parks and Recreation. Jane McClure from the Highland Villager.

**I. Approval of the minutes for the February 16, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting**

The minutes from the February 16, 2024 Planning Commission meeting were approved.

**MOTION: Commissioner Holst moved to approve the minutes from February 16, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taghioff. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**II. Chair's Announcements**

Commissioner Grill had no announcements for the commissioners.

### III. Planning Director's Announcements

Director Pereira gave an update on the upcoming APA conference as well as several items at the legislature regarding housing.

### IV. Zoning Committee

The Zoning Committee's last meeting was cancelled. They are scheduled to meet next on March 7, 2024. There are two agenda items to be discussed at committee.

### V. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

River Balcony Master Plan Proposed Addendum: Basis Design Report – Release memo and set a public hearing date. (*Kady Dadlez, 651/266-6619, Brett Hussong, Parks and Recreation Department, 651/266-6420*)

Kady Dadlez gave a presentation on the proposed addendum to the River Balcony master plan. The presentation included an overview of the project and the proposed addendum. The presentation offered several slides with graphics depicting how the project will look upon completion. The commissioners asked several questions regarding the project. Commissioner Reilly specifically asked about ADA access to the River Balcony. Ms. Dadlez referred the question to Brett Hussong the Parks and Recreation project manager. Mr. Hussong answered Commissioner Reilly's question. Mr. Hussong pointed out that the project is still largely conceptual. That ADA access will be a part of the construction. There will be access points at the Science Museum of Minnesota, Union Depot as well as along Second Street.

Commissioner Holst proposed a motion as the chair for the Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee.

**MOTION: Commissioner Holst moved to release the River Balcony Master Plan Proposed Addendum: Basis Design Report and Memo for public review and to set a public hearing date of April 12, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hackney. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

### VI. Transportation Committee

Commissioner Martinson gave the report for the committee. The committee also received a presentation from Kady Dadlez and Brett Hussong on the River Balcony project. Jimmy Shoemaker from Public Works updated the committee on the recommendation for the Planning Commission on the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan.

### VII. Communications-Nominations Committee

None.

### VIII. Task Force/Liaison Reports

None.

**IX. Old Business**

None.

**X. New Business**

Commissioner Ortega thanked staff for providing visual aids to help the commission to better understand the projects that are coming forward.

**XI Adjournment**

**9:18 a.m.**

Recorded and prepared by:  
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City of Saint Paul

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved March 15, 2024  
(Date)



Luis Pereira  
Planning Director



Mauricio Ochoa  
Planning Commission Secretary

*Signed by Planning Commission Chair;  
Kristine Grill*

