

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

Minutes September 22, 2017

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, September 22, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

Commissioners Present: Mmes. Anderson, Lee, Mouacheupao, Reveal, Thao, Underwood; and Messrs. Edgerton, Lindeke, Makarios, Ochs, Oliver, Perryman, and Rangel Morales.

Commissioners Absent: Ms. *DeJoy, and Messrs. *Baker, *Fredson, *Khaled, *Reich, and *Vang.
*Excused

Also Present: Donna Drummond, Planning Director; Wendy Lane, Department of Safety and Inspections; Lucy Thompson, Allan Torstenson, Bill Dermody, and Sonja Butler, Department of Planning and Economic Development staff.

I. Approval of minutes July 28th and August 11, 2017.

MOTION: *Commissioner Underwood moved approval of the minutes of July 28, 2017. Commissioner Thao seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

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II. Chair's Announcements

Chair Reveal announced that 2 new commissioners will be sworn in at the next Planning Commission meeting on Friday, October 6, 2017. Chair Reveal passed around a book called "No Small Plans" it is a publication from a Chicago Architecture Foundation, which is basically the Chicago Master Plan as a graphic novel. It was produced to mimic something that the city had done in late 1800's early 1900's when they did their first master plan and someone had the brilliant idea to turn it into a text book for elementary school children and for the next 20, 30, 40 years every child in the Chicago public schools received a copy of this book. And it was a natural part of the curriculum became very well-known and a lot of people attribute Chicago's fascination with architecture to having taught generations of elementary school children from all kinds of communities what planning was about. This book was an attempt to reintroduce that concept in a more millennial focused manner.

MOTION: *Commissioner Thao moved to close the public hearing, leave the record open for written testimony until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017 and to refer the matter back to the Joint Comprehensive/Neighborhood Planning Committee for review and recommendation. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

V. Zoning Committee

SITE PLAN REVIEW – List of current applications. *(Tia Anderson, 651/266-9086)*

Three items came before the Site Plan Review Committee on Tuesday, September 19, 2017:

- Morton Salt Shelter – Building addition for sheltering truck loading at 1111 Childs Road. Tom Swafford-Northern Metals, LLC SPR #17-076799
- Lifetrack – Stormwater management improvements at 709 University Avenue. Trixie Goldberg-Lifetrack SPR #17-076868
- Montessori Training Center – Garage demolition, building addition, new parking lot at 1611-1629 Ames Avenue. Jessari Sutton-Montessori Center of MN SPR #17-076900

Three items to come before the Site Plan Review Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2017:

- Capital Family Eye Clinic – Building addition at 941 Payne Avenue. Peter Thibado-Thibado & Associates SPR #17-080566
- BNFS Crane Maintenance Building – New building at 1059 Westgate Drive. Michael Gibson-BNFS Railway Company SPR #17-080677
- Macalester College Theater Building – Building demolition/addition at 130 Macalester Street. Nathan Lief-Macalester College SPR #17-079295

OLD BUSINESS

#17-060-690 Listening House – Appeal of a zoning administrator similar use determination for Listening House to provide services at First Lutheran Church. 464 Maria Avenue, NW corner at 8th Street.- *(Bill Dermody, 651/266-6617)*

Chair Reveal announced that this case has been laid over to the September 28, 2017 Zoning Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

#17-073-754 Syed Mahmood – Change of nonconforming use from bar to tobacco shop. 937 3rd Street East, NW corner at Forest. *(Bill Dermody, 651/266-6617)*

MOTION: *Chair Reveal moved the Zoning Committee’s recommendation to approve the change of nonconforming use. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*