



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

Minutes August 4, 2023

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, August 4, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

Commissioners Present: Mmes.: Grill and Thomas

Messrs.: Rangel-Morales, Hackney, Holst, Martinson, Ochoa, Ortega, Reilly, Risberg and Syed

Commissioners Absent: Mmes: Presley, Starling

Messrs: Hood, Houmas, Taghioff

Also Present: Luis Pereira, Karoline Finlay, Emma Brown, Kady Dadlez, Nellie Jerome, YaYa Diatta; Zoning Administrator from DSI.

I. Approval of minutes for the July 7, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

The minutes were reviewed by the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Risberg moved to approve the July 7, 2023 Planning Commission minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grill. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

II. Chair's Announcements

Planning Chair Rangel Morales reported that Commissioners Kantner and Mitchell have had to resign. Creating two openings including the chair for the Nominations and Communications Committee. The Chair will be reaching out to commissioners to see who would like to join the committee.

III. Planning Director's Announcements

Director Pereira reported to the commissioners that he recently spoke with the Youth on Boards co-hort. The Mayor has a goal of having youth serve on all city boards. Currently there are youth who serve on the Transportation Committee. Commissioner Risberg asked if that meant that youth members would be voting members of the Planning Commission. Director Pereira has not received clarification on that. There will be more information provided in the future regarding youths serving on the Planning Commission.

IV. Zoning Committee

#23-059-798 1500-1510 York Avenue Rezoning – Rezone 1500 York from R4 one-family residential to RM2 multiple-family residential and rezone 1510 York from a combination of R4 & RM2. 1500-1510 York Avenue, between Hazelwood Street and Barclay Street R4, District Council 2, Ward 6. (*Bill Dermody, 651/266-6617*)

Commissioner Syed gave the report for the Zoning Committee. There were two agenda items at the last meeting. They were both for the same address. They were a rezoning and conditional use permit for 1500-1510 York Avenue. Planning Chair provided some insight into what took place at the meeting. The conditional use permit application was laid over until the next Zoning Committee meeting. The committee recommended to approve the rezoning at 1500-1510 York Ave.

Director Pereira stated for the record that Commissioner Ochoa has excused himself from the room as he has a conflict of interest in this matter.

V. Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee

Commissioner Holst gave the report for the committee.

1-4 Unit Housing Study Phase 2 – Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee recommendation on the zoning code amendments. (*Emma Brown, 651/266-6657*)

Emma Brown gave a power point presentation to review the 1-4 Unit Housing Study Phase 2 zoning code amendments. Ms. Brown's presentation covered the study's timeline, proposed new zoning districts and the key amendments. The key amendments for the proposed zoning codes included information on new zoning districts and standards such as maximum lot coverage, accessory dwelling units, cluster developments and lot splits. Ms. Brown included feedback from the public hearing as well as the public comments that were submitted in writing. During the presentation the commissioners asked questions that were answered by both Ms. Brown and Planning Director Pereira. There was also a discussion amongst the commissioners regarding fence sizes and types and allowable building heights. The Planning Commission after lengthy discussion decided to lay over voting on the committee recommendation until the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on August 18, 2023.

VI. Transportation Committee

Commissioner Risberg gave the report for the committee. The committee will next meet on Monday, August 21, 2023. Their last meeting was canceled.

VII. Communications-Nominations Committee

Planning Chair Rangel Morales once again asked if anyone is interested in joining the committee. Director Pereira shared the details of the committee's function and responsibilities.

VIII. Task Force/Liaison Reports

Planning Chair Rangel Morales asked about the Riverview Corridor. Director Pereira reported that the draft stationary plans are being reviewed and that notes have been given to the consultants. Director Pereira shared development details surrounding the corridor and future considerations.

IX. Old Business

None.

X. New Business

None.

XII. Adjournment

10:45 a.m.

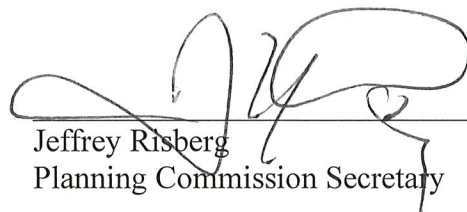
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Respectfully Submitted,

Approved 9/1/23
(Date)



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Planning Director



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Planning Commission Secretary