

Saint Paul Planning Commission
City Hall Conference Center Room 40
15 Kellogg Boulevard West
Action Minutes
June 7, 2024
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

I. Approval of minutes from May 10, 2024

The minutes from the May 10, 2024 Planning Commission were laid over until the June 21, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

II. Chair's Announcements

Chair Grill announced that Interim Planning Director Yasmine Robinson has accepted the role of Planning Director.

III. Planning Director's Announcements

None.

IV. Public Hearing: Adult Use Cannabis Zoning Study (*Tony Johnson, 651/266-6620 and Nellie Jerome, 651/266-6648*)

Chair Grill read the chair's script and opened the public hearing. Nellie Jerome and Tony Johnson gave a brief staff presentation on the Adult Use Cannabis Zoning Study and the updates to Minnesota State statutes regarding cannabis use.

Three people offered testimony on the zoning study. Two in opposition and one in favor. There was a motion that made and seconded to close the public hearing and hold the record open for written testimony until 4:30 pm. on Monday, June 10, 2024. The motion pass unanimously on a voice vote.

V. Public Hearing: Drive Through Zoning Study (*Bill Dermody, 651/266-6617*)

Chair Grill read the chair's script and opened the public hearing. Bill Dermody gave a brief staff presentation on the zoning study. Six people testified on the zoning study. Five people spoke in opposition of the zoning study and one in favor. There was a motion that made and seconded to close the public hearing and hold the record open for written testimony until 4:30 pm. on Monday, June 10, 2024. The motion pass unanimously on a voice vote.

VI. Zoning Committee

Commissioner Taghioff gave the report for the Zoning Committee. There were two items on the agenda. They are as below:

#24-035-401 132 Albert Street North Change of Nonconforming Use – Change of nonconforming use from warehouse/storage to health/sports club to permit a youth gymnastics gymnasium. 132 Albert St. N., NE corner of Albert Street and Laurel Avenue, H2, District Council 13, Ward 1. (*Kady Dadlez, 651/266-6619*)

Recommendation coming out of committee is to approve the change of nonconforming use (5 in favor 0 against). The motion to approve the committee's recommendation passed unanimously on a voice

vote.

#24-032-627 733 Jenks Cup – Conditional use permit for short term rental dwelling unit serving up to 16 adults. 733 Jenks Avenue, NW corner of Jenks Avenue and Walsh Street, H1, District Council 2, Ward 6. (*Christina Hong, 651/266-6572*)

the recommendation coming out of committee is to approve the conditional use permit with conditions. Commissioner Houmas stated that we did not see this at the district council meeting and expressed a concern that the size of the house could not reasonably accommodate that many people. The motion to approve the committee’s recommendation passed with eleven commissioners voting in favor and one commissioner abstaining.

VI. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

Commissioner Holst gave the committee report.

River Balcony Master Plan Addendum; Review public hearing comments and Planning Commission resolution. (*Kady Dadlez, 651/266-6619*)

Kady Dadlez gave a brief staff presentation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution for the River Balcony Master Plan Addendum; Basis for Design. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Como Regional Park Long Range Plan; review plan for consistency with the comprehensive plan (*Dave Ronzini, 651/266-6410*)

Dave Ronzani gave a brief staff presentation on the Como Regional Park Long Range Plan and it consistency with the comprehensive plan. There was a motion to recommend approval of the Planning Commission resolution; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

VII. Transportation Committee

Commissioner Risberg gave the report for the committee.

VIII. Communications-Nominations Committee

None.

IX. Task Force/Liaison Reports

None.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

None.

XII. Adjournment

9:56

