



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

Minutes Friday, January 10, 2025

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, January 10, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

Commissioners Memms: Presley, Thomas

Present: Messrs: Risberg, Martinson, Syed, Khadar, Johnson Becker, Hood, Reilly, Houmas

Commissioners Memms: Grill, Starling

Absent: Messrs: Hackney, Holst, Ochoa, Ortega

Also Present: Yasmine Robinson; Planning Director, Karoline Finlay; Planning Secretary, Bill Dermody; Current Planning Manager, Spencer Miller-Johnson; Senior City Planner, Chris Hong; City Planner, Stefan Hankerson; City Planner, Lucas Allen; PED Intern, Jane McClure; Highland Villager,

I. Approval of the minutes for the December 13, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Syed moved to approve the December 13, 2024 Planning Commission minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinson. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

II. Chair's Announcements

Acting Chair Presley opened the meeting by welcoming the commissioners to the first Planning Commission of 2025. Acting Chair Presley gave kudos to Commissioner Thomas for her work to help people become homeowners.

III. Planning Director Announcements

Director Robinson wished everyone a happy new year. She has some updates that she will wait on for the next Planning Commission meeting when Chair Grill returns.

IV. Zoning Committee

Commissioner Taghioff gave the report for the Zoning Committee. There were four items on their last agenda.

24-096-153 25 George Rezoning – Rezone from B1 to H1 residential district. 25 George St. E., between Humboldt Avenue and Gorman Avenue. B1, District Council 3, Ward 2 (*Christina Hong, 651-266-6572*)

MOTION: Commissioner Taghioff moved the Zoning Committee recommendation to approve the rezoning of 25 George Street from B1 to H1 residential district. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

24-096-227 Cinema Ballroom CUP – Conditional use permit for rental and dance hall. 1560 St. Clair Avenue, between Snelling Avenue and Brimhall Street. T2, District Council 14, Ward 3. (*Stefan Hankerson, 651-266-6646*)

MOTION: Commissioner moved the Zoning Committee recommendation to approve the conditional use permit for Cinema Ballroom. The motion on a voice vote.

24-098-512 642 Selby Rezoning – Rezone from B2 community business to T3 traditional neighborhood. 642 Selby Avenue, between St. Albans Street and Dale Street. B2, District Council 8, Ward 1. (*Christina Hong, 651-266-6572*)

MOTION: Commissioner Taghioff moved the Zoning Committee recommendation to approve the rezoning of 642 Selby Avenue B2 community business to T3 traditional neighborhood. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with one abstention (Khadar).

24-097-753 841-857 Grand Rezoning – Rezone from B2 community business and BC community business (converted) to T3 traditional neighborhood. 841-857 Grand Ave, between Victoria Street and Avon Street. BC/B2, District Council 16, Ward 2. (*Spencer Miller-Johnson, 651-266-6093*)

MOTION: Commissioner Taghioff moved the Zoning Committee recommendation to approve - the rezoning of 841-857 Grand Avenue from B2 community business to T3 traditional neighborhood. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

V. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

None.

VI. Transportation Committee

None.

VII. Communications-Nominations Committee

None.

VIII. Task Force/Liaison Reports

None.

IX. Old Business

None.

X. New Business

Commissioner Hood shared that he was able to partner with Parks and Rec to put together a comedy event to raise funds for scholarships. The show will feature all Saint Paul comics. Commissioner Risberg thanked him and asked if there is a link for donations if you're not able to attend. Commissioner Hood responded that you can make a donation online.

XI. Adjournment

8:46 a.m.

Recorded and prepared by:
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Respectfully Submitted,

Approved _____
(Date)

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Planning Director

Mauricio Ochoa
Planning Commission Secretary