



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

Minutes Friday, August 2, 2024

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, August 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

Commissioners Present: Mmes.: Presley, Starling, Thomas
Messrs.: Hood, Houmas, Khadar, Martinson, Ochoa, Ortega, Reilly, Risberg, Syed, Taghioff

Commissioners Absent: Mmes: Grill
Messrs: Hackney, Holst, Johnson Becker

Also Present: Yasmine Robinson; Planning Director, Karoline Finlay; Planning Secretary, Anton Jerve; Long Range Planning Manager, Tony Johnson; Senior City Planner, Nellie Jerome; City Planner, Chris Hong; City Planner, Lucas Allen; PED Intern, Josh Ladd; City Attorney, YaYa Diatta; Zoning Administrator

I. Approval of the minutes for the July 19, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Risberg moved to approve the July 19, 2024 Planning Commission minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Syed. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

II. Chair's Announcements

Acting Chair Presley announced that she would be a presenter at the Preservation Minnesota Conference taking place September 18-20th. She will be a presenter speaking on black voices in preservation and context studies. She will specifically be speaking about the Saint Paul African American historic cultural context study.

III. Planning Director Announcements

Director Robinson stated that a lot of conferences are coming up. The APA conference is coming up and Tony Johnson will be presenting on Adult Use Cannabis. She also announced that Commissioner Hackney has just welcomed twins with his wife.

IV. Zoning Committee

Commissioner Taghioff gave the committee report. The applicant for 470 White Bear Ave. has withdrawn their application and may resubmit a new application in the future.

~~#24-056-254 470 White Bear Rezoning – Rezone from H2 residential district to RM2 medium density multiple family residential district. 470 White Bear Ave. N., between 3rd Street and Conway Street, H2, District Council 1, Ward 7. (Christina Hong, 651/266-6572)~~

The applicant for the above zoning case has withdrawn their application.

~~#24-055-063 920 Atlantic CUP – Conditional use permit for an auto repair station. 920 Atlantic Street between Copely Avenue and Chicago MSP, Omaha RR line. IT, District Council 4, Ward 6. (Christina Hong, 651-266-6572)~~

MOTION: To approve the Zoning Committee recommendation for approval of the nonconforming use for a change of nonconforming use. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The next scheduled Zoning Committee meeting is on August 8, 2024. There is currently only one item on the agenda for the next Zoning Committee meeting.

V. Comprehensive & Neighborhood Planning Committee

Adult Use Cannabis Zoning Study – Final report and Planning Commission recommendation to City Council. (Tony Johnson, 651-266-6620 and Nellie Jerome, 651-266-6648)

Senior City Planner Tony Johnson and City Planner Nellie Jerome gave a presentation on the Adult Use Cannabis Zoning Study. Their presentation included conclusions drawn from the public hearing and public input during the comment period. They went over the different types of licenses and cannabis businesses that will be allowed under the new state law and local ordinance. The presentation also went over what restrictions these businesses will have. The commissioners asked questions of the planners as well as a discussion regarding the proposed resolution. The proposed resolution was voted on and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The City Council will have a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendments on September 4, 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Martinson moved based on the staff findings that the current recommendations be forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation for adoption. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

VI. Transportation Committee

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August, 19, 2024.

VII. Communications-Nominations Committee

None.

VIII. Task Force/Liaison Reports

None.

IX. Old Business

None.

X. New Business

None.

XI. Adjournment

9:20 a.m.

Recorded and prepared by:
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Respectfully Submitted,

Approved _____
(Date)

Yasmine Robinson
Planning Director

Mauricio Ochoa
Planning Commission Secretary