

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**April 8, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call: Chairperson Bautch, Commissioners Koch, Murphy, Thorson, and Winge

*Chairperson Bautch called to order the Regular Planning Commission meeting on April 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners Present: Michelle Koch, Gloria Murphy, Ron Thorson, and Brandon Winge. Also present: Councilmember Kim Devries; Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Scott Baumgartner, Attorney from BBG.*

2. CITIZENS FORUM

*No citizens were present to discuss items not on the agenda.*

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

*Koch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

- A. Building Permits for March 2025

*No discussion on Letters and Communications*

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

- B. March 11, 2025

*Murphy made a motion to approve the March 11, 2025 Planning Commission Minutes as presented. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Discuss Proposed Regulations regarding Adult Use of Cannabis in Lexington
- Cannabis dispensary distances
  - Retail Cannabis Business Operations

*Scott Baumgartner, Attorney from BBG, stated he has developed this cannabis ordinance for several cities in Anoka County, including the City of Anoka, where he is their city attorney. Baumgartner provided a summary of the State of Minnesota and*

*the legalization of cannabis. He believes the State moved too quickly passing legalization laws, and selling cannabis didn't get off the ground really well. He said that the proposed cannabis ordinance complies with all Minnesota Statutes and added that by adopting it will provide local control over where a cannabis dispensary can be located. The City of Lexington is required by law to provide a minimum of one (1) dispensary license to an interested party, and is allowed one (1) license for a municipal dispensary. Discussion ensued.*

*The Planning Commission discussed 500 and 1000 feet distances from parks, daycare facilities, and schools and potential locations in Lexington that would comply with these distances for a dispensary. They also discussed the permitting process for a dispensary.*

*Baumgartner discussed potential items for the ordinance: No onsite smoking, no outside displays on the dispensary, etc.*

*The consensus of the Planning Commission was to have Attorney Baumgartner redraft the cannabis ordinance and the Schedule of Uses following their discussion allowing a dispensary in a B-4 Zone as a principal permitted use. They would discuss the redraft of the ordinance at their May meeting.*

*No action was taken*

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. March 6, 2025
- B. March 20, 2025

*Some discussion on City Council minutes*

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

*Chairperson Bautch asked if the City has an ordinance that regulates sex offenders and where they can live in the City. He saw a segment on the news saying a lot of Minnesota cities do not have this ordinance in place. Discussion ensued. Petracek stated he would check our ordinances and follow up with the city attorney.*

9. ADJOURNMENT

*Koch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*