

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2014, - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chairperson Olsson called to order the Regular Planning Commission meeting of the City of Lexington on March 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.. Commissioners Present: Bautch, Hoska, Johnson, and Vanderbloomer. Also Present: John Hughes, Councilmember; Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Dawn Grote, Administrative Coordinator; Tina Northcutt, Accounting Coordinator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney (arrived at 8:15 pm).

2. CITIZENS FORUM

No one was present to address the Planning Commission

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Motion made Olsson, seconded by Bautch, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Building Permits for February 2014

No discussion or action taken

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

February 12, 2014 - Bautch made a motion to approve the February 12, 2014 Planning Commission minutes. The motion was seconded by Hoska. Motion carried 5-0

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. **Discuss City of Lexington Comprehensive Plan – Patrick Boylan from Metropolitan Council.**

Mr. Boylan was present to provide an overview of the status of the comprehensive plan update. Boylan provided a powerpoint presentation explaining the need to finalize the Lexington Comprehensive Plan and that it was due to be completed in 2008. Discussion ensued. Boylan added that not having an adopted plan can affect a city's ability to obtain grants.

Discussion was had about the Planning Commission's involvement in the comprehensive plan. Boylan explained it is not uncommon for small communities in the metro area to not have a completed Comprehensive Plan due to the lack of resources; however, the Metropolitan Council is committed to helping Lexington complete their plan.

The items that are still in need for completion:

1. *Surface water management*
2. *Housing*
3. *Land use*

Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

B. Discuss Community Garden Development – Presentation by Caleb Johnson

Commissioner Johnson provided the Planning Commission with an overview of community gardens, the process to develop a community garden location, and potential sites available in Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, Johnson decided based on the potential sites that he is recommending-Memorial Park or adjacent to Tot Park - he would approach the Park Board with the idea of including a community garden in their master plan for development of Lexington Parks.

Chairman Olsson made a motion to support Commissioner Johnson to approach the Park Board with his presentation on potential community garden development and site locations in Lexington Parks. The motion was seconded by Hoska. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Draft - Entertainment Licenses Ordinance

Attorney Kurt Glaser thanked the Planning Commission for their work efforts to draft an entertainment licensing ordinance for the City of Lexington. Glaser discussed with the Commission his comments and suggestions to streamline the regulations and to provide more appropriate terminology for more effective enforcement. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Olsson to direct the city attorney to revise the draft entertainment license ordinance incorporating the input of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. February 6, 2014
- B. February 20, 2014

No discussion on Council minutes.

PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT – *Discussion about the potential for a new restaurant in the old Monterey Restaurant building. No action taken.*

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Bautch to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Hoska. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted

*Bill Petracek
City Administrator*