MINUTES
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
August 12, 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 August 12, 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; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney.

2. CITIZENS FORUM

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Thorson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

   A. Building Permits for July 2025

Some discussion about Parkview Manufactured Homes replacing homes in their park.

5. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

   B. July 8, 2025

Bautch made a motion to approve the July 8, 2025 Planning Commission Minutes as presented. Winge seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM:

   A. Proposed Ordinance: Sex Offender Residency Restrictions

Attorney Glaser discussed State law regarding residency distances and restrictions for level 3 sex offenders in Minnesota. He stated that State Statutes already places restrictions on where a level 3 sex offender can live regarding distances to schools, daycare facilities, parks, etc. He provided an overview of ordinances that currently are in place in Centerville and Circle Pines placing further

restrictions on level 3 sex offenders. He added that Circle Pines does not allow level 3 sex offenders in their community but stated that if they were sued by an advocacy group for these individuals that want to live in Circle Pines, he is confident they would lose in court. This could potentially open the whole community up for residency, stated Glaser. Glaser stated that it is important to have a spot in your community for them to live. He suggested allowing them in a place that they couldn't afford to live like Lexington Lofts. Discussion ensued.

The Planning Commission discussed developing an ordinance with restrictions on where they can live in Lexington. Glaser stated that if the City does not have an ordinance in place, usually the level 3 sex offender's parole officer would find a place for them according to State Law, if that individual wanted to live in Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Winge stated that he felt that we were creating a problem out of nothing. Discussion ensued.

Winge made a motion to permanently table developing a level 3 sex offender residency ordinance. Koch seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:
   A. July 17, 2025

No discussion on July 17, 2025 minutes.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

Thorson stated that there is a street sign leaning at Albert and Lake Drive, on South Highway Drive.

Winge asked about an ordinance only allowing the lining of a residential sewer service up to 90 ft. Petracek stated he would have to ask public works or the city engineer about this. He is unaware of this ordinance and restrictions. Discussion ensued.

Bautch stated there is another green bag full of garbage at the house on Albert Ave. He also asked to check if the house on the corner of Albert and North HWY Dr. has a building permit.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Koch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.