

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.
9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Olsson called to order the Regular Planning Commission of the City of Lexington on January 13, 2015 at 7:01 p.m. Commissioners Present: John Bautch, Caleb Johnson, and Mark Vanderbloomer. Also present: John Hughes, Councilmember; Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chairperson

Olsson stated he would serve as the Chairman another term.

A motion was made by Johnson to approve Chris Olsson as the Chairperson of Planning & Zoning for a 1-year term. The motion was seconded by Vanderbloomer. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

B. Vice Chairperson

Vanderbloomer nominated Commissioner Johnson to be the Vice Chairman. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vanderbloomer to approve Caleb Johnson as the Vice Chairperson of Planning & Zoning for a 1-year term. The motion was seconded by Bautch. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

3. CITIZENS FORUM

No one was present to address the Planning & Zoning Commission.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA WITH CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as typewritten. The motion seconded by Bautch. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

5. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATION

A. Building Permits for December 2014

B. 2015 Calendar and Schedule of Meeting Dates

The Commission discussed Commissioner Johnson's fence permit. No further discussion or action taken.

8. APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

A. December 9, 2014

Bautch made a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 Planning Commission minutes. The motion was seconded by Olsson. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

9. DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. Discuss M-1 Zoning District – Schedule of Uses - Final Revision

Glaser reviewed the revised M-1 Zoning District – Schedule of Uses with the Planning Commission. Councilperson Hughes questioned the revised definition of a storage shed and only allowing one storage shed per residential lot. Discussion ensued.

Olsson asked the Commission if only one shed would be allowed, would a second storage shed be considered an accessory building. Discussion ensued.

Vanderbloomer stated that maybe the ordinance should allow a second storage shed to be allowed under a conditional use permit or interim use permit. Glaser replied that he didn't like that approach to allowing additional storage sheds on residential properties due to filing requirement of conditional use and interim use permits with Anoka County. Discussion ensued.

Petracek suggested that we have the building inspector provide some ideas based off of the discussion that has been had about storage sheds. Discussion ensued. The consensus was to have the building inspector provide ideas to the Planning Commission on storage sheds.

Petracek stated there would be a revised M-1 Zone – Schedule of Uses with recommendations from the building inspector on storage sheds at the February Planning & Zoning meeting.

No action taken.

B. Sample Small Wind Energy Ordinance

Glaser provided an explanation as to his presentation of a sample Small Wind Energy Ordinance. He wanted to see if the Planning Commission was interested in regulating home based wind energy generators in Lexington; the ordinance has been proposed primarily for

discussion purposes. Olsson stated that he felt the primary concern for these regulations would be for safety purposes. Discussion ensued.

Olsson asked the Planning Commission if they wanted to pursue regulating residential wind energy generators. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Vanderbloomer to recommend to the City Council to develop an ordinance that prohibits wind energy generator use in the City of Lexington. The motion was seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

10. NOTE COUNCIL MINUTES:

- A. December 4, 2014
- B. December 18, 2014

There was some discussion on the Council minutes, and no action was taken.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION INPUT

No discussion or input.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Olsson at 9:13 pm. The motion was seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.