

**CITY OF MINNETRISTA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 26, 2012
7:00pm**

These minutes are intended to provide a record of the topics discussed and decisions made by the Minnetrista Planning Commission. In addition, they are intended to provide the reader with anecdotes from the discussion and a summary of the decision making process. They are not considered to be a record of the meeting proceedings until they are approved by the Minnetrista Planning Commission.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commission members present: Chair Heck, Watson, Strandell, Stulberg, and Molitor.

Staff present: Senior City Planner Breanne Rothstein and Council Liaison Cheryl Fischer.

Commission members absent: Pollmann and Sandholm.

a) Approval of Agenda

Chair Heck stated, hearing no objections, the agenda is adopted.

b) Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2012

Motion by Stulberg and second by Watson to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2012 regular Planning Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

2) BUSINESS ITEMS:

a) Consider Comprehensive Plan Compliance of Possible MCWD land purchase at 7701 Halstead Drive

Rothstein presented the informational report per the Planning Commission packet dated March 26, 2012.

Included in the presentation:

- Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map
- Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan for this specific area
- Draft Minnetrista Master Trail Plan
- Proposed findings

Discussion from the Commission included:

- Tax impact to the city noting this parcel would go into exempt status.
- Determining the value of the land

Matt Norton, MCWD Land Conservationist (18202 Minnetonka Blvd, Deep Haven) Explained the districts concept on this parcel is similar to the Halverson property concept. He stated a future development is conceivable and would be clustered with a small number of lots near Halstead Drive. The main intent is to create opportunities for greater infiltration of rain water, restoration of wetlands, reduction of erosion, and reduction of phosphorous. He stated there could be 75 to 240 pounds of phosphorus reduced. Discussion was held on the proposed trail and other possible alternative trail options.

Mr. Norton stated the district is looking to acquire the parcel as soon as possible. Mr. Norton presented aerial photos of the Dimler property. He stated the funding comes from the district's levy and the district has a bonding agreement with Hennepin County. The district will pay the penalty for taking the parcel out of green acres.

Motion by Heck and second by Strandell to recommend to City Council adoption of the proposed findings for 7701 Halstead Drive. Motion carried 5-0.

b) 2011 Planning Annual Report and 2012 Planning Work Plan

Rothstein presented a summary of the annual report per the Planning Commission packet dated March 26, 2012.

3) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a) Staff Reports

i) Wayzata Church – Rothstein presented the informational report per the Planning Commission packet dated March 26, 2012 regarding the Unitarian Universalist Church of Minnetonka v. City of Wayzata.

b) Council Reports-

- The discussion for Ordinance No. 388 approving an amendment to certain sections of Chapter 5 Zoning was tabled by the City Council for further discussion.
- Mayor Fischer showed the Planning Commission a new map of the precincts.
- Discussion on the police and fire services.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Watson and second by Stulberg to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Haarstad
City Clerk