

City of Marine on St. Croix
Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Willenbring at 7:32 pm. Warren, Zajac, Brenner,

Citizens Present: Andy Creager, Mandy Hathaway (Country Messenger)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Review Codes in the SFR, SFU, SCR, SCU, VC Districts
3. Old/New Business
4. Approval of October 28, 2008 minutes
5. Adjournment

Chairman Willenbring acknowledged Andy Creager was present and has an interest in joining the Planning Commission. Mr. Creager has submitted his letter of interest to the City and should go before the City Council for appointment at the February 12, 2009 City Council meeting.

Chairman Willenbring confirmed that there were several openings on the Planning Commission. Krahn, Dochniak and Fernstrum's terms have expired. They have each confirmed there is no interested in running again. Forster has resigned from the Planning Commission due to personal reasons.

Willenbring moved and Warren seconded that we extend our appreciation to the volunteers who have left the Commission, Lisa Dochniak, Peter Fernstrum, Stuart Krahn and Stacy Forster.

Review of Codes in the SFR, SFU, SCR, SCU, VC Districts.

Willenbring suggested that the Planning Commission should review and compare various allowed uses within the various zoning districts looking for consistency across the board. There appears to be some inconsistencies in the wording in some of the districts and possibly some omissions.

There were several Zoning Comparison handouts that showed the SFR, SCRR, SFU, SCUR, VC, LI, LSCRO and Floodplain districts showing the permitted, accessory, interim and conditional uses. If there are any changes, they will be brought before the City Council for review.

The Planning Commission started reviewing each zoning district and will be putting together a list of discussion points for areas that seem to be inconsistent and will be reviewing at a later date to see if changes will need to be made.

The Planning Commission will continue to review the zoning districts and codes at the February 24, 2009 meeting.

Willenbring will also attend the City Council Meeting on February 12, 2009 to inform the Council of what had been discussed and the Planning Commissions Plans.

Old/New Business –

Assistant City Clerk Tomnitz asked whether a movable structure to house horses is permitted. The question was raised after receiving a call from the Harker Moe's contractor who question if there were any issues with their variance. The contractor was not interested in going before the Planning Commission at this time and was just looking for information. The Planning Commission will be looking into this and will follow up at a later date for future discussion.

Willenbring followed up on a conversation with Dick Johnson regarding his request for a live in home occupation at the Lumberyard Shops. Willenbring was not sure where Mr. Johnson was on the condominium proposal. The Planning Commission believes that it would be considered a subdivision and would have to go before the City Council anyway.

St. Croix Riverway October meeting. Warren will have a brief summery at the February 24, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting.

There will be a St. Croix River meeting on March 31, 2009 if anyone is interested. Planning Commission member Warren will be attending and will have further information at the February 24, Planning Commission meeting.

Approval of Minutes *Warren moved and Brenner seconded the acceptance of the October 28, 2008 meetings Minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.*

Adjournment: *Warren moved and Brenner seconded to adjourn at 9:07pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Mary Tomnitz, Assistant City Clerk