

City of Marine on St. Croix
Planning Commission and Public Hearing
Tuesday, March 29, 2011

The City of Marine on St. Croix Planning Commission meeting of March 29, 2011 was called to order by Chairman Willenbring at 7:33pm. Roden, Warren, Mroska and Smitten (7:40pm) present.

Citizens Present: Jonathon Kelley (Country Messenger) Tom and Johanna Omdahl

Agenda:

1. Call to Order 7:30pm
2. Welcome Kristina Smitten new Planning Commission member
3. Old/New Business:
Update Tom Omdahl - 575 Judd Street
T-Mobile update
4. Approval of February 22, 2011 minutes
5. Review Codes in the SFR, SFU, SCR, SCU, VC Districts
6. Adjournment

Welcome Kristina Smitten new Planning Commission member: Chairman Willenbring welcomed Kristina Smitten to the Planning Commission. Each member welcomed Kristina and gave a little background information about their selves.

Old/New Business:

Tom Omdahl - 575 Judd Street – Willenbring updated the Planning Commission regarding the property at 575 Judd Street. This property came before the City Council in the fall 2010 and the question of whether variances or any other approvals were need. At that time Willenbring and Warren determined a need for a survey of the site and check for any setbacks and look at what the proposed house plans would be like, determine if there were any encroachments and recommend preservation of the front facade. Willenbring did not think it involved any City Council action if the plan falls within the existing setbacks. Some Considerations the Planning Commission will review is if it became a new development the location is currently substandard lot at .836 acres. The Planning Commission would want to come up with a redevelopment with a site that would work. The home is located in the St Croix Urban District and does have historic value to the City of Marine. Warren also had some concerns regarding the façade of the existing structure after viewing the drawings. There are restrictions regarding the St. Croix Riverway and its Historic History. Willenbring also questioned the intension of the structure and how much would be left intact? Mr. Omdahl currently does not take ownership till April 12, 2011 however believes the foundation is crumbling and would need to be replaced and would be raised. The concerns would be; is this more of a redevelopment or remodel and how does it affect a substandard lot compared to a renovation project? Willenbring recommended the Planning Commission work with the Omdahls in more detail before more actions are taken. Planning Commission members Warren and Smitten will work with the Omdahls.

T-Mobile – No new updates. Gerry Mrosla noted that he has worked with T-Mobile in the past and would be willing to share the information he has regarding the lease agreements and terms and conditions with Council Member Pete Marker if he is interested. Mrosla was part of a process that the City of Fridley went through along with the selling of the lease.

April 26th Meeting Minutes

Chairman Willenbring reviewed the items he updated the City Council with regarding the Charlie Brown house, Mike Zajac, Kristina Smitten, CUP for Cynthia Graham and 575 Judd Street.

Approval of Minutes *Mrosla moved and Roden seconded to accept the February 22, 2011, Planning Commission Minutes as drafted with a word correction on page two, line two the word “do” should be changed to “due”. Motion Passed unanimously.*

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

The Planning Commission will be reviewing the Zoning Codes in each of the districts at the April 26, 2011 meeting. A special meeting on May 3, 2011 will also be scheduled at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

Vegetation Management Warren received an invitation for Vegetation Management Open House. Regarding cities and municipality along the Riverway and the vegetation or trees that are required. Some cities only allow for a certain percentage of a building that can be visible and it is up to owner to maintain trees. Warren plans on attending the open house to see what is being proposed. The City of Marine has not had their ordinance changed for years and the question is can it be made to applied to Marine? Several questions including how suitable is this proposed ordinance for the needs of the City of Marine and if adopted what does it do the rest if the Riverway Ordinance. The Meeting will be held on March 30, 2011 at the Lakeland City Hall from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

There is also a Partnership Team meeting with the DNR from both States on March 30, 2011 in Hudson at 7:00pm

Carnelian Water Shed District: There is an empty board seat in the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District. They meet once a month on Mondays.

Warren noted the Watershed District is part of the Marine on St. Croix Comprehensive Plan. The City has approached the Watershed District regarding the run off of storm water within the City and asked for guidance. Regulations and procedures over the last year has been formalized is something we should take a look at. There could be some items we could adopt by reference to the Code.

Adjournment: *Warren and Mrosla seconded to adjourn the March 29, 2011 Planning Commission meeting at 8:55pm. Motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes taken by Mary Tomnitz, Assistant City Clerk