

City of Marine on St. Croix
Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2015

The City of Marine on St. Croix Planning Commission workshop of March 31, 2015 was called to order by Acting Chairman Ron Brenner at 7:32pm. Roden, Warren, Smitten and Spisak were present. Mroska and Ritz were absent.

Citizens Present: Brinna Dochniak, Sarah Lund, Olivia Alvarado, Hunter Novak and Alex Carmell

1. Call to Order 7:30pm.
2. Old/New Business:
3. Approval of February 24, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.
4. Review Codes in the SFR, SFU, SCR, SCU, VC Districts:
 - a) Review Section 310 Planned Unit Development (PUD)
 - b) Review Section 4 General Provisions
 - c) Section 511 – Floodplain District
5. Adjournment

Old/New Business: Roden spoke with Andy Creager regarding his notes on the Historic Districts from the City of Afton, Stillwater and St. Paul. Roden noted that Creager felt the City of Afton was a lot like Marine however the preservation was basically downtown. After reviewing the guidelines, Roden noted there are very restrictive guidelines and suggested if Marine was to use the City of Afton as a guideline then she believes there would need to be severe modifications. Roden commented on restrictions regarding old materials compared to new a better products and felt the appearance is or aesthetics should be what is important. When looking at Stillwater residential areas it is voluntary. Brenner noted if a new home was built in the historic district there would be guidelines that would be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). Warren noted that most of the old section of Marine is in the National Historic District and one of the first in Minnesota. The question is; should the City of Marine have a Historic District and if so what type of rules and regulations should be placed in that district? Brenner felt it would be a good idea to get feedback from the City Council to see if they are interested in a Historic District within Marine before too much effort is put into the subject. Smitten also felt this may be something that should be put into the Comprehensive Plan rather than an in the City Code. The Planning Commission discussed several homes and areas within Marine and how the community would be effected.

Storm water Update: The excavation work between Judd and Hwy 95 was completed. Warren noted it was a maintained project to open up a ditch and it appears to have dropped the water level by a couple of feet. The project was between the City of Marine and the Watershed District. The County Road 4 project has its own time table and priorities. The neighborhood program of 5th and 6th street also has its own time table based on funding. Smitten noted the BWSR grant was accepted for \$98,000.

Roden noted there is a Rain garden Workshop coming up on April 16, 2015. Further information will be in the City Newsletter.

The review of the codes will continue at the April 15, 2015 workshop at 10:00am. Chairman will not be able to attend the April 15 workshop however the Planning Commission would like to continue working on the codes

Assistant City Clerk noted there will be a Village Center Task Force meeting with the City Council and Washington County Public Works regarding the County Road 4 project. This workshop will be an early presentation before they meet with the community.

Approval of Minutes:

Smitten moved and Spisak seconded to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015 as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Codes in the SFR, SFU, SCR, SCU, VC Districts. Brenner gave an overview of what is needed to be accomplished during the next meetings. Brenner and Tomnitz will continue to finalize the documents regarding Variances and Conditional Use Permits. Smitten will follow up with solar and rooming houses information. Warren also noted that Section 3.10 and Section 4 needs to be reviewed. Other items are the sections of businesses, restaurants verses taverns, garbage enclosures, accessory structures and finish the recommendations for the Village Center and Limited Industry Districts.

Adjournment – Smitten moved and Warren seconded to adjourn the March 31, 2015 Planning Commission meeting at 8:41pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes written by Mary Tomnitz, Assistant City Clerk