



Minutes
City Of Edina, Minnesota
Planning Commission
Edina City Hall Council Chambers
December 14, 2022

I. Call To Order

Chair Agnew called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Roll Call

Answering the roll call were: Commissioners Miranda, Strauss, Gandhi, Alkire, Hu, Bennett, Padilla, Olson, and Chair Agnew. Staff Present: Cary Teague, Community Development Director, and Liz Olson, Administrative Support Specialist.

Absent from the roll call: Smith.

III. Approval Of Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the December 14, 2022, agenda. Commissioner Padilla seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

A. Minutes: Planning Commission, November 16, 2022

Commissioner Olson moved to approve the November 16, 2022, meeting minutes. Commissioner Alkire seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Community Comment

None.

VI. Public Hearings

A. Site Plan Review with Variances – 5100 Edina Industrial Boulevard (First National Bank North)

Director Teague presented the request of 5100 Edina Industrial Boulevard for a Site Plan Review with Variances. Staff recommended approval of the site plan with variances, as requested subject to the findings and conditions listed in the staff report.

Staff answered Commission questions.

Appearing for the Applicant

Mr. Mike Elsenpeter, First National Bank North, Mr. Eric Reiners, SRA, and Mr. Ross Hedlund, Frauenshuh, addressed the Commission and answered questions.

Public Hearing

None.

Commissioner Olson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed the proposed site plan and variances.

Motion

Commissioner Alkire moved that the Planning Commission recommend denial to the City Council of the Site Plan with Variances with the following findings: being a new building proposed, this site should be treated as a vacant lot with the tear down of the existing building; there is no physical circumstance on the site that creates a practical difficulty in meeting the first floor and the transparency variances. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion unanimously.

The Commission asked additional questions of the applicants.

A vote on the motion was taken. **Motion carried to deny.**

VII. Reports/Recommendations

A. Sketch Plan Review – 5201 Grandview Lane (Donnay Homes)

Director Teague presented the request of 5201 Grandview Lane for a Sketch Plan review.

Staff answered Commission questions.

Appearing for the Applicant

Mr. Steve Behnke, Donnay Homes, and Ms. Elizabeth Macdonagh, landowner, made a presentation and answered Commission questions.

The Commission asked questions and reviewed the sketch plan with the applicant.

B. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Agnew indicated she was leaving the Commission for the City Council and the Commission needed to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair to the Planning Commission. She nominated Commissioner Bennett as Chair. Commissioner Bennett accepted the nomination. Commissioner Miranda seconded the nomination.

Motion

Chair Agnew moved to elect Commissioner Bennett as Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bennett nominated Commissioner Alkire as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Alkire accepted the nomination. Commissioner Olson seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Bennett moved to elect Commissioner Alkire as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Correspondence and Petitions

None.

IX. Chair and Member Comments

Received.

X. Staff Comments

Received.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Padilla moved to adjourn the December 14, 2022, Meeting of the Edina Planning Commission at 8:48 PM. Commissioner Strauss seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.