

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
Planning Commission Members  
FROM: Don Smith, Planning Commission Chair  
DATE: March 11th, 2014  
RE: Planning Commission Minutes

The Planning Commission met at 5:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The following members were present: Don Smith, Jerry Steffes, Linda Larson, Dave Hanifl and Ex-officio member Shawn Wetterlin. Planning Member Richard Wieser, Ex-officio members John Graf, Bill Waller and Skip Wieser were not present. Paul Kenaga was also in attendance

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith and roll call taken. The minutes of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and February 6, 2014 were approved as written by the consensus of the Planning Commission.

1. Topics of interest were discussed: Event Center; Senior Housing Options; EDA; Township 'boundary' agreement; Grade School Planning; Hockey arena; Park plans including requested use of Veteran's Park and tennis courts; Comprehensive Plan; and role of Planning Commission.

2. The members of the planning commission would like a plan for membership and proceeding with the Comprehensive Plan ready for the next meeting. They were asked to come prepared with their list of the major long range topics for the Comprehensive Plan. The committee asked that this topic be brought to the attention of the Mayor and City Administrator. Concern was expressed about an reduction in funding for the Comp Plan as a potential result of transferring funds to support an EDA.

3. The members of the planning commission were reminded that they each should complete the survey from the LAPC prior to the next meeting.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CityofLaCrescent>. There is an area wide boundary agreement summit planned by the LAPC and the topic of 'boundary agreements' will be on the next planning commission agenda. The address of the password to get into the survey is LAPC (all capitals).

4. Members discussed the west bluff and the clear cutting that appears to be occurring in conjunction with new homes in the township. The committee asked for Paul to inquire if the rules of the township and the county are being enforced. Preservation of the natural environment was one of the important topics identified in the Minnesota Design Team process.

5. Motion by Larson, seconded by Steffes to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:40 P. M. Motion approved overwhelming by the consensus of the Planning Commission.

Saved as minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting of the Planning Commission