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TO: Planning Commission Members
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: For Shawn Wetterlin, Building/ Zoning Official, Donald Smith, recorder

DATE: August 28, 2017

RE: Meeting Minutes,
Tuesday, August 1, 2017

The Planning Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The Following members were present: Donald Smith, Jerry Steffes, Dave Hanifl, Patti Dockendorff, Linda Larson and Jason Ludwigson. City Council Member Brian Krenz, was in attendance. Dick Wieser was not in attendance.

1. Jason Ludwigson, was appointed by the City Council to complete the term of Mani Edpuganti, who has resigned as he plans to move from La Crescent. Jason was introduced and welcomed. Retiring Commission member Mani Edpuganti was in attendance. Chairman Smith presented Mani with a card of thanks signed by all his colleague commission members and most of the City Staff thanking him for his service. He was also provided a letter of thanks from the commissioners which in part noted: "Your insights and kind smile always made public meetings feel friendlier to those who were applying for variances and conditional use permits. Your respect for your colleagues and personal interest for continuous improvement of our community were always evident." A copy of the letter will be filed with the minutes.
2. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Smith and the meeting minutes of July 11 were approved as distributed by consensus of all present Planning Commission Members.
2. The Planning Commission convened a public hearing at 5:35 P.M. to consider an application for an administrative sub-division at 818 Shore Acres Road. The administrative subdivision request concerns certain premises described as follows; parcels # 25.1843.000 and 25.1842.000 better known as 813 Shore Acres Road.

The subdivision would allow for the property line between the two parcels to be officially adjusted to conform to the property line as has been apparently respected. The applicant spoke to his plans indicating that the property is to be sold and the property line should be perfected between the two lots prior to sale. He noted that the change had no impact on neighboring lots and would not even be apparent. The current property line goes through a portion of the dwelling on one of the lots.

The Public Hearing was then closed as no member of the public wished to be heard.

Motion was made by Hanifl, seconded by Dockendorff to recommend approval to the City Council of the administrative subdivision as requested with the following findings of fact:

- a. The adjustment of the property line resolves an obvious defect in the current line.
 - b. The adjustment has no effect on adjacent properties.
 - c. The adjustment maintains two lots both conforming to current zoning requirements in the District for long width, length and area.
 - d. The request is consistent with the spirit and purpose of an administrative subdivision and the applicant has conformed with all needed documentation.
 - e. The City Council's approval should be Conditioned that the applicant shall record the deed and the survey with the County of Houston within 90 days of the date of approval.
3. The Planning Commission discussed items to be included in the operating and capital budgets related to the continuing implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. There was also discussion of a grant request for local studies from the LAPC. Such application will be due prior to the next meeting. The Chair and the City Administrator will submit an application for local studies and a list will be prepared for the next meeting of capital and operating items.
 4. Edits to the Downtown Plan were discussed. Most will make clear the commitment to existing businesses as we look to plan and build to a brighter future. Other edits that came from the Public meeting were reviewed. The edits will be presented to the October meeting for recommendation of the final draft to the Council.
 5. The Floodplain and Shoreland Zoning Amendment drafts will be discussed with the MNDNR on August 23rd. The current draft will be discussed at the September meeting. A public hearing was called by consensus for the September meeting. The final draft will be ready for review at the October meeting and subsequent recommendation to the Council for adoption.
 6. Linda Larson and Jason provided the dates for the public meetings on The Bluffland's and Bike Pedestrian Planning meetings. The Blufflands is on August 16th from 1 to 3 at City Hall. The Bike Pedestrian meeting is scheduled for 5:30 to 7:00 PM on August 17th at the Community Center.
 7. The Walnut Place option was provided as information. This will likely be part of a special meeting.
 8. The boundary agreement with the township relating to Crescent Valley was presented for information. 37 of 66 properties in Crescent Valley have been annexed to date.
 9. There be no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7 PM
The next Planning Commission meeting will be on August 5th, 2017 at 5:30 and have a special meeting with the City Council and other City Committees on August 12th at 5:30.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully, Donald Smith



Mani Edpuganti
La Crescent Citizen

Planning Commission
La Crescent, MN

August 1, 2017

Subject: Service to the City of La Crescent

Dear Mani,

Thank you for your 3 years of service on the Planning and Zoning Commission of La Crescent. Your insights and kind smile always made public meetings feel friendlier to those who were applying for variances and conditional use permits. Your respect for your colleagues and personal interest for continuous improvement of our community were always evident.

Sadly we will not only miss you at our meetings but also miss you in our community. Our sincere and hardy best wishes travel with you to Minneapolis where work and family are drawing you away.

Personally and on behalf of your City of La Crescent and Planning Commission Colleagues, I am,

Sincerely yours, Don

Donald Smith
Chair, La Crescent City Planning and Zoning Commission

