

MINUTES, SPECIAL MEETING  
PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA  
OCTOBER 30th, 2023

The Planning Commission met at 5:30 p.m., on October 30th, 2023 in the City’s Community Building located at 336 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Item 1. Call to Order**

Chair Greg Husmann called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 3. Roll Call**

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following members were present: Chair Greg Husmann, Vice Chair Mike Welch, Dave Hanifl, Jerry Steffes, Ryan Stotts, and Christopher Langen. Member Dave Coleman absent. Ex-Officio City Council Representative Cherryl Jostad was present. Community Development Director Larry Kirch, City Engineer, Tim Hruska of WHKS and City Attorney, Skip Wieser were also present.

**Item 4. Approval of the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Planning Commission Minutes**

Commissioner Steffes asked that Jason Ludwigson’s name be attached to the title of Sustainability Coordinator in the minutes. Vice Chair Welch made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the aforementioned correction. Commissioner Stotts seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Mike Welch	Yes
Ryan Stotts	Yes
Dave Hanifl	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

**Item 5. Public Hearing: Walnut Street Corridor Plan**

Community Development Director Larry Kirch gave a condensed presentation of the Walnut Street Corridor Special Planning Commission Meeting - October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Plan. He explained, the Economic Development Committee had approved the plan with nine additional conditions. The floor was opened for public comment and questions. The planning commission was addressed by five residents of La Crescent.

- Greg Fiegen, 414 Park St
- Kortney Kistler, 418 Park St
- Lisa Fiegen, 414 Park St
- Angel Klankowski, 102 N Walnut St
- Jeff Henthorne, 417 Park St

The public hearing was closed after no further public comments or questions were presented. The planning commission discussed the plan and asked any questions they had. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hanifl to approve the Walnut Street Corridor Plan, with the Economic Development Committee’s nine additional conditions, using an alternative route other than Park Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Langen. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Dave Hanifl	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Ryan Stotts	Yes
Mike Welch	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

**Item 6. Public Hearing: Active Transportation Corridor Plan for Hwy 16 to Miller’s Corner**

The Planning Commission opened the floor for comments or questions from the public in regards to the Active Transportation Corridor Plan. There were no members of the community present in regards to the aforementioned plan. The public hearing was closed. Community Development Director Larry Kirch gave a condensed presentation about the Active Transportation Corridor Plan from Hwy 16 to Miller’s corner. Discussion followed the presentation. A motion was made by Commissioner Hanifl to approve the Active Transportation Corridor Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Welch. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Dave Hanifl	Yes
Mike Welch	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Ryan Stotts	Yes

Jerry Steffes

Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

**Item 7. Discussion of various application types to be heard before the Planning Commission and the role of Staff and Planning Commission Members.**

City Attorney Skip Wieser addressed the Planning Commission in regards to the various application types that could be submitted for their review and action. Also discussed was the roles and responsibilities of the Members of the Planning Commission.

**Item 8. Planning Commission updates from appointed City Council Representative.**

Council Member Cherryl Jostad updated the Planning Commission Members on current items and issues being addressed with the City Council.

**Item 9. Adjourn.**

The Chair noted that the next meeting would be on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Stotts to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Welch. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by Josh Tarrence, Building Inspector, the following Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Stotts	Yes
Mike Welch	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Chris Langen	Yes
Jerry Steffes	Yes
Dave Hanifl	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.