

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

April 12, 2010

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular Planning Commission meeting was held at City Hall on the 12th day of April, 2010 at 6:30 PM

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: Nelson, Sannes, Dean, Coleman, Borgstrom, Jorgenson and Ferris

THE FOLLOWING WERE ABSENT: None

THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT: Community Development Director Mike Martin, Deputy Clerk Linda Rappe, Lorraine Hopkins, Deb Harrison, Cheryl Brandeland, Dorothy Larsen, Janice Borgstrom-Durst, Ron Ziegler, Chris Giesen

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

MINUTES FROM PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion made by Dean, second by Jorgenson to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010 meeting with the sentence "Borgstrom doesn't need to see any changes in the comp plan" stricken from the minutes per Commissioner Borgstrom's request. All Ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: A Conditional Use Permit has been applied for by Marvin and Gladys Atkinson to allow a first floor apartment in the C-1 (Central Business) zoning district. Deb Harrison was present representing the Atkinsons. Ms Harrison stated that they have been having problems keeping a business in half of the first floor of their building at 15 2nd Ave NW. Janice Borgstrom-Durst – 105 W Main – Doesn't want this to be a slippery slope for other businesses to convert their first floors into apartments. Ms. Borgstrom-Durst doesn't believe that apartments belong on the first floor in that district.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

DISCUSSION: All Commissioners were in agreement that the first floors in the Central Business District should be reserved for businesses and not apartments. The Commissioners do not want to set a precedent for other businesses to follow.

MOTION: Motion to recommend denial of the Conditional Use Permit, made by Coleman, seconded by Sannes. All Ayes.

SEMDC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Ron Ziegler and Chris Giesen were present representing the SouthEast Minnesota Development Corporation. This was an introductory session. Chairman Nelson asked how long they thought this would take and Mr. Ziegler stated if we were very aggressive we could have this completed by October, but he anticipates some delays. We are looking at this process taking approximately a year to complete.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Martin informed the Commission that the rezone application that was tabled indefinitely will be back in front of them in May.

ADJOURN: Since the agenda had been met the meeting was adjourned at 6:55

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rappe, Deputy Clerk