

**ANOKA PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSESSION MEETING
ANOKA CITY HALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The worksession meeting of the Anoka Planning Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Planning Commissioners present: Chair Borgie Bonthuis, Karna Brewer, Colin Campbell, Don Kjonaas, and Shari Nemec

Planning Commissioners absent: Nancy Coleman and Peter Rech

Staff present: Community Development Director Doug Borglund

DISCUSSION – 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS, 2023 GOALS

Community Development Director Borglund provided background noting that the boards and commissions set their goals prior to the goal development of the City Council. He stated that going forward, the City Council will develop its goals and the commissions will then use that to develop their goals. He noted that the intention of this item is to review the Council goals and determine if any adjustments to the Commission goals would be necessary. He provided an overview of the different goals set by the Council.

Commissioner Brewer noted that it appears each member of the Council developed their own goals and noted that perhaps it would be helpful to have joint meetings where the individual commissions can provide clarity on what already exists or how that is being addressed.

Chair Bonthuis commented that this is interesting and seems to be top down, with the Council telling the other groups what to do.

Community Development Director Borglund confirmed that is the intent, for the Council to be providing direction to the recommending bodies as the Council is the ultimate decision-making body.

Commissioner Brewer asked if there would be opportunity for feedback.

Community Development Director Borglund commented that would not be an option at this point. He stated that the intention was simply to review the document and determine if any adjustments would be needed. He acknowledged that more information would need to be known or gathered on certain items, such as infill development. He did not believe any goals developed

by the Planning Commission were in conflict with the Council goals. He noted that most of the Council goals are outside the boundaries of the role of the Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION – REVIEW OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, CODE OF ETHICS AND OPEN MEETING LAW

Community Development Director Borglund noted that this information is provided to the Council and advisory boards/commissions annually for review purposes.

DISCUSSION – DEVELOPMENT UPDATE/MISCELLANEOUS

Community Development Director Borglund noted applications that have been submitted and will be coming before the Commission in the near future.

OTHER

Chair Bonthuis asked if there are design standards within the area of the restaurant pad.

Community Development Director Borglund confirmed that there are standards within the downtown area and overall PUD that would apply to that site. He confirmed that the property is within the TIF district but was unsure when that district expires.

Chair Bonthuis asked if there is an update on the Ryan development.

Community Development Director Borglund noted that staff and the developer are continuing to work through the process and the details of the Development Agreement. He stated that the City would be responsible for the cost of the street. He noted that consideration of the final plat and development agreement will go before the Council at its meeting on March 20th.

Commissioner Brewer asked for details on the long Council meeting the night prior.

Community Development Director Borglund noted that it was a large agenda.

Chair Bonthuis noted that the RFP for the restaurant pad was one of the agenda items. She also suggested changing the seating to place the newer members inward and more tenure members on the outsides and the Commission agreed to the change.

ADJOURNMENT:

Time of adjournment: 5:28 p.m.

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