



Shakopee Planning Commission
Meeting
Minutes
January 3, 2019
7:00 PM
City Hall 485 Gorman St.

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Presiding Chair Kent Robbins

Chair Robbins called the meeting to order.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners present: Lori Hogen, Mark McQuillan, Daniel Mock, Noreen Reding, Kent Robbins, Ashlee Sepulvado

City staff present: Senior Planner Mark Noble, Senior Planner Kyle Sobota

2. Approval of Agenda

Senior Planner Mark Noble noted that the minutes to be approved should say 2018 and not 2019. He added that the vote on the approval of the minutes for the 11/8/18 meeting had an error; vote should have been 6-0, not 7-0 and this has been corrected.

Commissioner Noreen Reding made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lori Hogen and the motion passed.

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3. Call for Notarized Affidavits, Proof of Neighborhood Meeting and Sign in Sheet for appropriate Public Hearing

Staff has received these.

4. Recognition by Planning Commission of Interested Citizens

No one responded.

5. Consent Business - (All items listed in this section are anticipated to be routine. After a discussion by the Chair there will be an opportunity for members of the Commission to remove any items from the consent agenda for individual discussion. Those items removed will be considered following the Public hearing portion of the agenda. Items remaining on the Consent Agenda will not be discussed and will be approved in one motion.)

A. Approve Minutes of November 8, ~~2019~~ 2018

B. Vacation of Public Utility Easement

- C. Vacation of Public Drainage & Utility Easements
- D. Wetland Replacement Plan for Stagecoach at Southbridge

Commissioner Lori Hogen made a motion to approve the Consent Business as noted, seconded by Commissioner Noreen Reding and the motion passed.

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6. General Business

- A. PUBLIC HEARING: Text Amendment to City Code Section 130.04, to Create A Beekeeping Ordinance

Commissioner Mark McQuillan made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Lori Hogen and the motion passed.

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Senior Planner Kyle Sobota presented the staff report.

Ms. Hogen asked about moving a hive if development occurred and how this would be implemented. Mr. Sobota answered that when areas would develop, city staff would then make site visits and would be able to physically see the hives that would be within 25 feet of a lot line.

Ms. Sepulvado asked for clarification if she was correct that there would not be any requirements for a beekeeper to be registered with the city, or certified, and Mr. Sobota stated that she was correct. He explained city staff's rationale for this.

Ms. Reding asked how many bees constituted a colony and Mr. Sobota answered that there were not specific numbers related to a colony, but that there were specific hive dimensions noted in the Draft Resolution. Ms. Reding asked what the flyway barrier could be and Mr. Sobota answered that it could be a wall or a building, but would be required to be at least 6 feet in height. He explained the purpose of ~~these~~ ^{ORDINANCE} as well.

Mr. McQuillan asked what could happen if a hive was kicked over and Mr. Sobota answered that from his research, honey bees were not usually aggressive unless provoked. ^{FLYWAY BARRIERS}

Ms. Hogen asked if a situation arose where a hive owner was required by the city to relocate a hive due to development, could they come before the Planning Commission with a variance request and Mr. Sobota answered that if a hive owner would not comply with the city standard, then a variance would be required and would be heard by the City Council.

Mr. Mock shared his past experience with bee keeping.

Mr. Robbins brought up possible public safety concerns and Mr. Sobota stated that this would fall under the same conditions as owning a dog in the city.

Commissioner Noreen Reding made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Mock and the motion passed.

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DISCUSSION:

Mr. McQuillan commented about the possibility of the public getting stung by a bee and how it could be fatal for some people. He stated that he felt there should be some sort of registration for hive owners.

Ms. Hogen asked city staff to explain the current city code with regard to dog bites and Mr. Sobota explained this for the Commissioners.

Mr. Robbins asked about the requirements of the Text Amendment and Mr. Sobota stated the requirements were included in the draft ordinance and went on to explain a few of them.

Mr. Mock asked if registration could be via email or something similarly simple and Mr. Sobota answered that city staff would prefer something along this line for registration.

Ms. Sepulvado asked if there would be a fee and Mr. Sobota answered that the city did not think a fee was necessary.

Commissioner Mark McQuillan made a motion to approve Text Amendment to City Code Section 130.04, Subdivision I to Create A Beekeeping Ordinance with a condition added for a one time registration, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Mock and the motion passed.

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7. Other Business

Ms. Hogen asked city staff about a replacement for Jody Brennan and Mr. Sobota stated that the City Clerk would be posting this soon, if it was not done already.

8. Adjourn to Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mark McQuillan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm,

seconded by Commissioner Lori Hogen and the motion passed.

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