

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 11, 2009
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission to order for July 14, 2009 to order at 7:00 P.M.

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Planning Commission were present: Frank Storm, Mark Lobermeier, and Sean Wagner

Members Absent: Judy Coughlin and Ken Meyers

Also Present: Staff Member Fred Weck and Council Liaison Roger Elmore

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

The Planning Commission Chairman determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

“An opportunity for members of the public to address the Planning Commission on items not on the current Agenda. Items requiring Planning Commission action maybe deferred to staff for research and future Planning Commission Agendas if appropriate.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1 Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming, Minnesota Planning Commission for July 14, 2009.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER WAGNER
SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, TO APPROVE
THE “REGULAR MEETING” MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA
PLANNING COMMISSION FOR JULY 14, 2009 WITH NO CHANGES.**

Voting Aye: Lobermeier, Storm, and Wagner.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

URS, Highway 8 design proposals:

A presentation was made to the Planning Commission by Todd Clarkowski of MNDOT and Mike Larson of URS Corporation of the three current concept plans for the Trunk Highway 8 improvement project, from the Greenway Avenue in Wyoming to County Road 80 / Karmel Avenue in Chisago City. The improvements are to address safety, capacity, and access management per the 2002 Highway 8 Scoping Document and 1995 Highway 8 Corridor Study. The proposed plans have three, 4 lane divided highway solutions, one with lanes to the North, another with Lanes to the South, and the third with the lanes centered on the current right-of-way. Based on comments received, and environmental assessments the choices will narrow down to one choice in the spring of 2010, with a public hearing to follow.

Commissioner Wagner expressed concerns of the impact on existing local streets from increased traffic counts to the local streets from closed Highway 8 accesses and from the proposed frontage roads, especially at Greenway Avenue.

Dave Barklanger, owner of the Holiday Station Store, and former Minnesota State Representative Pete Nelson (speaking for Mike Waltz, owner of County Line Liquors) spoke about the closing of the direct Highway 8 access for the two properties that was shown on all three of the concept plans. Clarkowski stated that the access may not be closed due to access rights for the two properties, and that the issue was being studied.

Nelson also expressed concern about the public notification for the MNDOT open house about the proposals in June and of tonight's meeting. Clarkowski stated that there was a 1/4-mile notice area for the open house, and that proper notice will be given for the spring public hearing and that the City Council and Planning Commission will also be kept apprised of the project.

Weck stated his concerns with the proposed traffic light at the Hamlet / Hale Avenue intersection and no traffic light at the Heath Avenue intersection. Due to the Liberty Ponds development, and connections with existing and future developments on West Comfort Drive to Heath Avenue; and the lower development potential at the Hamlet / Hale Avenue intersection. Clarkowski and Larson took the comments under advisement.

OLD BUSINESS

2 Zoning Ordinance Update:

Weck has completed the formatting of the ordinance and most of the revisions; section references in the Floodplain section still need to be completed. Following discussion Weck was directed to:

1. Replace the language provided by Bill Weber in the Architectural Standards and Planned Unit Development sections with combined language from the city and township.
2. Complete reference changes in the Floodplain section.
3. Add fifteen (15) feet to the required width of corner lots (as contained within the subdivision ordinance).
4. Make minor spelling and grammatical error changes.
5. Provide the Planning Commission with changed pages, and not reprint the whole document for the next meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER WAGNER, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER LOBERMEIER, TO ADJOURN THE "REGULAR MEETING" OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR August 11, 2009 AT 8:33 P.M.

Voting Aye, Wagner, Storm, and Lobermeier

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None