

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 11, 2014
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Chairman Frank Storm called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Planning Commission of March 11, 2014 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: Judy Coughlin, Mathew Engstrom, and Frank Storm.

Members Absent: Mark Lobermeier and Ken Meyers.

Also Present: Council Liaison Roger Elmore, Zoning Administrator Fred Weck.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Chairman Storm 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."

Neil Rever, 24679 Hale Avenue, presented the Planning Commission with a copy of the Washington County Waste Management Ordinance which includes a definition what is a residential property. Using the definition to apply to the proposed cell tower near his property he told the Planning Commission that the proposed tower can be no more than 30 feet in height.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Consider approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming, Minnesota Planning Commission for February 11, 2014.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER ENGSTROM, TO APPROVE THE "REGULAR MEETING" MINUTES OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR MARCH 11, 2014.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Engstrom, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **Interim Conditional Use Permit for an Obstacle Course Race Event and Television Production "Hard Charge"**
28186 Kettle River Boulevard

Randy Stambaugh, Director of Event Development for "Hard Charge" explained to the Planning Commission that the proposed event is a one day (May 17, 2014), 5 kilometer run .with 20 obstacles similar to a 'boot camp' experience. The event is televised and Gillette's Children's Hospital is the charity sponsor.

Commissioner Coughlin asked the applicant when the event would end. Mr. Stambaugh responded that the races will be done mid-afternoon on May 17th and that they would begin packing things up and the site would be cleaned up and the obstacles on the trucks by Monday May 19th.

Commissioner Coughlin questioned the applicant if parking would be on-site or on Kettle River Boulevard. Mr. Stambaugh responded that all of the parking will be on-site and that they anticipate parking when selecting a location.

Chairman Storm asked how long "Hard Charge" has been operating and how many people have registered so far. Mr. Stambaugh replied that they began in 2013 with 5 events and that 300 – 400 people have signed up for the Wyoming race. Chairman Storm asked Mr. Stambaugh if he had seen the staff's proposed conditions. Mr. Stambaugh replied that he had and that since the races are staged in heats not everyone will be showing up at the same time and that there will be adequate parking on site; that they use a national EMS company called "Amphibious" and that they contract with local ambulance services. He also said that he thinks that having three officers on-site is too much because there won't be traffic issues because of the staggered races and that because of the older participants there won't be security issues. Jeremy Hastings added that "Dead End Hayride" had 3,000 people on one day last year and that there were no problems with parking and traffic. Chairman Storm commented that since Kettle River Boulevard is the only access to the site that the street should be posted "No Parking" during the day of the event. Mr. Stambaugh asked if the Police Chief's conditions of additional police and fire personnel are needed. Chairman Storm responded that Mr. Stambaugh should speak to the Police Chief about the information given tonight to determine if those conditions need to be modified.

Chairman Storm opened the public hearing at 7:28 P.M.

Bonnie Christenson, 24679 Hale Avenue, asked if the city will be receiving any of the proceeds from the event, she was told no it's not a city program.

There being no further comments the public hearing was closed at 7:30 P.M.

Chairman Storm asked the commissioner's if they had any additional comments or questions. Commissioner Coughlin stated that she doesn't have any issues with the application and that Chief Hoppe can modify the conditions after speaking to the applicant, and that Kettle River Boulevard should be posted "No Parking".

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR STORM, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE APPROVAL OF AN INTERIM CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW AN OBSTACLE COURSE RACE EVENT AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION AS REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT "HARD CHARGE", BASED ON THE FINDINGS THAT THE STANDARDS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE V, DIVISION 6, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS HAVE BEEN MET, AND WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS; AND TO ALLOW CONDITIONS 6, 7, AND 8 TO BE MODIFIED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR IF APPROPRIATE :

1. That the applicant provide proof of parking to the city for at least 750 vehicles prior to April 17, 2014.
2. Applicant shall apply for a Wetland Conservation Act No-Loss and Exemption Determination for anticipated temporary wetland impacts with the City.
3. That a pre-race and post-race site visit by city staff to ensure the conditions of the No-Loss approval are met.
4. That the applicant contract to provide dust control on Kettle River Boulevard prior to and during the event.
5. That the applicant is responsible for the maintenance costs to the city that arise from traffic using Kettle River Boulevard during the event.

6. That the applicant has three (3) City of Wyoming Police Officers to provide the security and traffic control for the event and that the applicant also reimburses the City for the cost of providing the police officers at over-time rates.
7. That the applicant has two (2) City of Wyoming Fire Fighter EMS personnel to provide first responder services to the event and that the applicant also reimburses the City for the cost thereof.
8. That both the Police and Fire personnel are be required to be on scene for the entire event, starting at the time the gates open until all participants have vacated the property.
9. That the Interim Use Permit will expire on May 19 2014.
10. That "No Parking" signs be posted along Kettle River Boulevard during the event.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Engstrom, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

3. **None.**

OLD BUSINESS

4. **Snowmobile Trails.**

Zoning Administrator Weck explained the draft map of the city showing DNR sponsored snowmobile trails through the city and his proposed city streets where riding in the ditch could be allowed (Goodview Avenue, Greenway Avenue and 250th Street, Heath Avenue south of Highway 8, East Viking Boulevard east of Railroad Boulevard, and Pioneer Road). He explained that Greenway may need to be reevaluated after construction this year. The Planning Commission discussed whether driveway culverts can withstand the traffic and snowmobile crossing those driveways, the DNR trail systems and their maintenance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

5. **None**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COUGHLIN, SECONDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER ENGSTROM, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WYOMING, MINNESOTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR MARCH 11, 2014 AT 7:50 P.M.

Voting Aye: Coughlin, Engstrom, and Storm.

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None