

Harris Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 2, 2022

- I. **Call to Order**– The Planning Commission was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair Siedow.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**– All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call** – City Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present were Chairman Siedow, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Borash, and Commissioner Rossini. Commissioner Williams was absent. A quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda**- Rossini made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Borash seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment** – none
- VI. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. **Accessory Structure Ordinance** – reviewed the report that Claire Michelson provided regarding Accessory Structure Ordinance. Discussion ensued. Claire decided that interim use permit would be a better way to manage the accessory structure before a primary structure is built. Claire said that we should be consistent with Chisago County and stay with a year as the timeline. Interim use permit fee has an escrow fee of \$2500 currently. Planning commissioners believe they should increase the interim use escrow fee to be \$5000. The Planning Commission would like City Council to review the ordinance changes and the escrow fee increase. Rossini made a motion to recommend the ordinance change and fee increase to City Council. Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **Downtown Redevelopment overlay zone update** – Claire Michelson talked about the overlay and what restriction levels should be for Harris. Claire amended current overlay to add restrictions and design principals with general guidelines.
- VII. **Old Business** – Regarding the Harris celebration, should we, do it? We are planning to get all the business’ involved this year so that when the 140th Celebration comes we have the problems worked out.
- VIII. **Commissioner Reports**- Mayor attended a conference by Deeds Redevelopment conference. The keynote speaker had many great ideas on how to get downtown revitalized. People come to small towns for community not for jobs. Also talked about Deed grants, jobs, and taxes. Deed splits funds between urban and rural. There are six times more urban than rural.

IX. **Adjourn-** Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Borash seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. There being no further business, Chair Siedow adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Allen Siedow - Chair

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