

MINUTES
CITY OF LONSDALE
REGULAR PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 17, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Kodada, Jim Freid, Dave Dols, John Duban, and Scott Pelava

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ben Sticha and Harold Vosejka

STAFF PRESENT:

City Planner Benjamin Baker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dols called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 415 Central Street West.

2. AGENDA

Dols asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda.

A motion was made by Freid and seconded by Duban to approve the agenda as presented. Vote for: Freid, Kodada, Dols, and Duban; Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Duban and seconded by Kodada to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2010 regular meeting. Vote for: Freid, Kodada, Dols, and Duban; Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Administrative Interim Use Permit No. 2010-1, a Permit Allowing a Temporary Drive-In Movie Event Associated with Community Days at 750 Ash Street NE (Fred's IGA Foods)

Baker presented a staff report and Administrative Interim Use Permit No. 2010-1 to the Planning Commission for review. Dols invited Bonnie Simon and Eva Buckingham, representing the Lonsdale Community Days Committee, to the podium. Simon and Buckingham described the proposed event and how it went in previous years. They asked the Commission to consider allowing them to erect a 16' x 24' movie screen and use of the parking lot on the south side of Fred's IGA Foods for a drive-in movie event associated with Lonsdale Community Days. They mentioned that Xcel Energy would be helping put up the poles, and they talked about possibly constructing in-ground sleeve tubes to easily place and remove the poles in the future. Freid asked if the poles will come down after the event. Simon stated that she would like to keep them up. Kodada stated that if tubes are used that they should be capped for safety purposes. Duban suggested placing reflective tape on the poles.

A motion was made by Freid and seconded by Duban to recommend approval of Administrative Interim Use Permit No. 2010-1, a permit allowing the Lonsdale Community Days to host a drive-in movie event at 750 Ash Street NE. Vote for: Freid, Kodada, Dols, and Duban; Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried.

b. June 2010 New Home Building Permits and Lot Inventory Update

Baker provided the Commission with a new home building permit map and spreadsheet detailing the locations, builders, size, and values of new homes in 2010. He also provided the Commission with a residential lot inventory spreadsheet and map showing the number of vacant lots and completion percentage of each new subdivision/development. The Commission thanked Baker for presenting the detailed report.

c. Update on MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program

Baker provided the Commission with an update on the MnDOT Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership program. He mentioned that the Park Board and representatives from the Master Gardening Club have been busy discussing preferred plantings and designing site layouts for the landscaping areas around the new welcome signs. Baker mentioned that the City Council recently approved lighting for the new signs, and he said that the City received \$2,000 from the Steele-Waseca and Minnesota Valley electrical cooperatives for the new lights. He stated that Dan Gullickson from MnDOT has taken the group's ideas so far and submitted them to MnDOT landscape designers to create a proposed plan listing plant quantity amounts and cost estimates. He mentioned that the next scheduled meeting will be on July 13, 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kodada commented that all silt fencing should be taken down before a certificate of occupancy is issued by the Building Inspector.

Freid suggested that the Building Inspector look at the condition of the home at 119 5th Avenue NE to see if it is safe.

Pelava and Baker updated the Commission on the Habitat for Humanity Home being constructed in RayAnn Acres.

Baker provided examples of a fence permit encroachment and easement agreement for the Commission to review. He explained the typical process that residents go through to obtain a fence permit. He also provided a recent newspaper article talking about allowing some types of chickens in urban areas and an ordinance example for keeping honeybees in town. He mentioned that small urban farms seem to be gaining in popularity, and he said it may be a good idea to relook at Lonsdale's current regulations in that regard.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kodada and seconded by Freid to adjourn the meeting. Vote for: Freid, Kodada, Dols, and Duban; Against: None. Vote: 4-0. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Benjamin Baker, City Planner