



**CITY OF LONG LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Kelley.

Present: Committee Members Crump (arrived at 6:48 p.m.), Hughes, Kelley, Erickson, and Stephenson; City Administrator, Terry Post; and City Councilmember Skjaret.

Absent: None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Stephenson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hughes seconded. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the June 12, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Erickson noted on page four, it should state, "Chair Crump questioned if the Rowing Club would be willing to address some concerns located at the site, such as removing the satellite dish and the Christmas lights."

Commissioner Stephenson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Hughes seconded. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Downtown Parking Subcommittee Presentation of Preliminary Recommendations for Discussion (Part I and Part II)

Commissioner Erickson noted that he is also a part of the CSAH 112 Turnback Committee and stated that at the last meeting of that group it was made known the only type of transit identified for Long Lake is buses. He summarized the options that would help to facilitate that transit option including bump out lanes near bus stops or a park and ride facility. He stated that the Downtown Parking Subcommittee discussed the existing parking conditions in the City, such as excess parking in some areas and a shortage of parking in other areas. He stated that he measured the pavement on Lake Street and Mill Street, which measure at 50 feet of pavement, and could allow for two lanes of traffic and parking on both sides. He

noted that further north on Lake Street, and another street, the pavement measures at 35 feet, but explained that after further research he identified that the City owns 66 feet of right of way on the sides of that roadway which could allow for expansion to allow additional parking. He also identified another area, near the Red Rooster, where parking could be realigned from parallel parking to nose in parking, which would create additional parking spaces. He noted that on-street parallel parking could also be provided in front of the Gear West building.

Councilmember Skjaret noted that the Wayzata Police provided their Annual Report to the Council, which identified CSAH 112 safety as the number one priority.

Commissioner Erickson moved the discussion towards transit and noted that the turnback will provide the opportunity to make transit improvements. He explained that he was able to obtain information from the City of Big Lake in regard to transit and related development and mentioned some possible sites that could be used for that purpose. He believed that the Kenny's site possesses many advantages and also has hurdles, which make other types of development difficult.

Commissioner Kelley commented that the Town Center parking lot would be an ideal location for a park and ride.

Commissioner Erickson noted that the Town Center would be included in part III of the downtown parking review.

Commissioner Stephenson commented that either Kenny's or the Town Center would be ideal locations for a park and ride, as those locations would not further interfere with traffic.

Chair Crump noted that additional parking could be made available via parallel parking along Daniels, which would not add any additional pavement to the City. He stated that he would like to see a more sustainable option.

Commissioner Stephenson noted that utilizing the Town Center for that purpose would allow for reconfiguration of the lot and could also bring in additional businesses.

City Administrator Post confirmed that Maple Plain had sought Met Council grant funding for their bus park and ride project. He confirmed that Commissioner Erickson would be willing to make a presentation to the Council at their next work session meeting to discuss these options, as well as receiving Council input on other issues such as the street parking of boats and trailers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Liaison Report

Councilmember Skjaret commented that even though Long Lake is a small town, there is always a lot going on. He advised that at their last meeting the Council passed two items related to the Long Lake Rowing Club, and noted that since that time the Club has met a number of the listed conditions.

City Administrator Post noted that a building permit had not yet been approved for the site.

Councilmember Skjaret stated that the CSAH 112 Turnback Committee held their first meeting on June 21st and will continue to meet monthly for the next few years. He stated that there were very different ideas expressed as to what should be done with CSAH 112, which should make for an interesting process. He advised of an upcoming CSAH Turnback planning public open house, which will take place on August 9th. He stated that the City is still working with the City Attorney in regard to the Virginia Avenue property and provided a brief update. He reported that the seal coating project has been approved and identified the streets, which will be included in the project. He noted that the Council directed the City Administrator to obtain an RFP for engineering services and advised that the Wayzata Police department recently presented their Annual Report. He stated that while many positives were identified, the safety of CSAH 112 will remain the top priority. He advised that the first Council meeting in August has been rescheduled to July 31st in order for the Council members to attend Night to Unite.

Chair Crump stated that while he appreciates the Police presence provided through speed traps, he did notice over the weekend that the police car was stationed in the shade and not clearly visible, which he did believe was appropriate.

Commission Member Business

Commissioner Erickson noted that the next meeting of the CSAH 112 Turnback Committee will be held on July 19th.

Staff Business

City Administrator Post advised of an upcoming Ordinance amendment pertaining to public launch dock usage, which will be reviewed by the Council at their July 31st meeting.

ADJOURN

Chair Crump moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Post
City Administrator