

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD HELD ON JUNE 20, 2011,
AT 7:00 P.M., AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Dave Thompson. Members present were Jack Edmonds, Mitzi Mellott, Ben Hanson, and Dick Dobson. Township members present were Jim Kusler (Princeton Twsp.) and Randy Atwood (Baldwin Twsp.) Staff present were Carie Fuhrman and Mary Lou DeWitt.

Carie Fuhrman, new Community Development Director introduced herself to the Planning Commission Board. Fuhrman spoke of her experience in Planning and Zoning and what she hopes to provide to the City of Princeton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 18, 2011

HANSON MOVED, SECOND BY EDMONDS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2011. UPON THE VOTE, THERE WERE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sign Review at 2109 First Street

The applicant did not bring in the information for a sign review, so this was removed from the agenda.

B. Sterling Pointe Off Premise Directional Sign

This item has been added to the agenda. Fuhrman informed the Planning Commission Board that Sterling Pointe Senior Living is interested in putting an off premise directional sign by McDonalds intersection and the School area. This would be off Rum River Drive and Northland Drive. Fuhrman does not want to set precedence on allowing directional signs, but the zoning ordinance is very open in this area.

The Planning Commission Board decided that Fuhrman can get the size of the sign and speak to Public Works Director if there would be an appropriate location that this sign could be placed.

C. Zoning Ordinance Discussion

This item has been added to the agenda. FEMA is requiring that all counties update their floodplain maps. Sherburne County and Mille Lacs County are at different stages in completing

this process. Fuhrman believes it will be in August for a public hearing for Sherburne County and then the following month would be Mille Lacs County.

Fuhrman said that the variance language was adopted in May by State Statute and she will make sure this has been completed with the City of Princeton's Zoning Ordinance.

Fuhrman said that someone from the Hockey Arena Association has asked if they could put up a temporary sign for a week advertising that the Hockey Association is having a garage sale at the arena. This sign would be on private property along Rum River Drive and Northland Drive. It is the vacant corner lot across from McDonalds and they have gotten approval to place this sign from the property owner. The ordinance regarding temporary signage is very vague. Fuhrman is okay with this signage for a week as long as it does not impede the visibility for drivers and is only on the site for one week. The Association would like to take that sign after a week and put it on the Hockey Arena land along the fence line facing Hwy. #169 and they would change the lettering to advertise hockey sign up for the fall. For this sign they would like to have up for a couple of months. Fuhrman said she needs to look further into having this sign up for that length of time.

Thompson said that he had a call from Scott Barry who is involved with the block party on July 29th. Barry would like to have a banner across the street supported by the street lights advertising the event. Thompson is meeting with Barry to see what this banner looks like and if the street lights could support the weight. Thompson asked Fuhrman if this banner is allowed in the City ordinance.

Fuhrman read the Zoning Ordinance for banners and it is very vague. She will meet with Thompson and Barry and determine where this falls in the Zoning Ordinance.

Dick Dobson commented if Barry had insurance to cover if the banner comes down on a vehicle. This event is a community block party and will be at no charge for those who attend.

Fuhrman will run it by the City Attorney. She agrees that the ordinance is vague and would have to check into it. Fuhrman asked the Planning Commission Board if they are okay with allowing temporary signs.

Hanson is okay with the temporary signage for an event. The Lions Club have post their upcoming events with signs and that has worked out good.

Fuhrman would like the wording better for special events in the City of Princeton Zoning Ordinances and a time frame to display the signage. She will put together some language for

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the Planning Commission Board to review. She will also look into what other cities are using for their wording under steel roofs and what type of material is approved by them.

COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS:

A. Verbal Report

Fuhrman informed the Planning Commission Board that at the July 18, 2011, meeting will be Public Hearings for Walmarts Conditional Use Permit, Vacation of easements, Preliminary and Final Plats.

Fuhrman was asked by the Planning Commission Board to look into the Dunkley property where they had taken down the old ThunderAlley building and why the pile of crushed concrete is still there. Fuhrman will contact the property owner.

B. City Council Minutes for May, 2011

The Planning Commission Board had no comments.

MELLOT MOVED, SECOND BY DOBSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. UPON THE VOTE, THERE WERE 5 AYES, 0 NAYS. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:48 P.M.

ATTEST:

Dave Thompson, Chairperson

Mary Lou DeWitt, Comm. Dev. Assistant