

Unapproved Minutes
Vermillion Planning Commission
Monday June 9, 2014 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Vermillion Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Iverson in the Large Conference Room at City Hall on June 9, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Forseth, Gruhn, Holland, Jones, Manning, Muenster, and Iverson.
Absent: Fairholm and Tuve.

Staff present: Andrew Colvin, Assistant City Manager and Jose Dominguez, City Engineer.

2. Minutes

a. May 12, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Moved by Gruhn to approve the May 12, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction of arrival time for Gruhn, seconded by Manning. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Forseth to adopt the agenda, seconded by Gruhn. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Visitors to be Heard

a. Clay County Historic Preservation Commission - June 19th Informational Meeting.

Ted Muenster informed those present that the Clay County Historic Preservation Commission will be holding a public informational meeting on June 19th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss opportunities for the Vermillion and Forest Avenue Historic districts. The meeting will be held at the fellowship room of the UCC Church, 226 East Main in Vermillion.

5. Public Hearing

6. Old Business

7. New Business

a. Informational Items:

i. 2014 Community Survey Results.

Andy Colvin presented the results of the 2014 community survey as part of the Comprehensive Plan update. Andy stated that approximately 30% of the surveys were returned. Citizens were asked questions about city services and quality of life issues as part of the survey. The Planning Commission accepted the results and will use them as a reference during the Comprehensive Plan update.

ii. Comprehensive Plan Recap - Summary of Stakeholder Input.

Andy Colvin presented a summary of the comments received at the stakeholder meetings. Many of the comments focused on housing, historic preservation, rental codes, recreation/quality of life and zoning. The

Planning Commission will use the comments as they develop the revised plan.

iii. Discussion of R-2 Zoning District Regulations.

Jose Dominguez provided a review of the R-2 district regulations for multi-family housing and how staff reviews proposed projects. Jose provided a report on landscaping and parking standards, stating that the ordinance requires parking to override landscaping. Members of the public were present to express concerns about landscaping, drainage, parking and the impact of multi-family housing in single-family neighborhoods. The Planning Commission expressed a consensus that the R-2 District needs to be reviewed, as well as landscaping and parking requirements required by the zoning ordinance.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Forseth to adjourn, seconded by Manning. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Iverson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.