



STANWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

July 9, 2018

Call to Order

Chair Utgard called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with the following Commissioners present: Steve Shepro, Lance Dennis, and Marcus Metz. Commissioners Randy Heagle and Susan Ronken were excused. Elected Officials and staff present; Council Member Diane White, Community Development Director Patricia Love, Senior Planner Amy Rusko and Planning Commission Clerk Devin Sola. Known public in attendance: Peggy Wendell, Michael and Cathy Wooten, Denise Long, and Sid Roberts.

Public Requests or Comments

Minutes

The minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting was approved as presented.

New Business

McDay Brewery

Senior Planner Amy Rusko gave the staff report, explaining the proposal including the proposed site, frontage improvements on 84th Ave and 270th. There will be parking throughout and an entrance from 270th. Site location is in the flood plain and site will be filled partially and the building raised similar to NW Architect Design next to City Hall. This permit requires a site development permit which is a Type II permit. It also requires a public meeting which is being held tonight, but it does not require a public hearing.

Planning Commission discussed:

- Project staff contact is Amy Rusko, Senior Planner
- No variances have been applied for to-date

Old Business

Shoreline Master Plan Update

Ms. Love explained that the City Council has approved the public participation plan and consultant contract and gave a power point presentation on a Shoreline update primer to the Commission. The primer included why we do an update and its importance, as well as shoreline areas in Stanwood, Department of Ecology grant for consultant work and community involvement through the public participation plan. The Commission thanked Ms. Love for the presentation.

No Miscellaneous Business

- Planning Commission Extended Agenda
- Meeting schedule and frequency of meeting for Commission
- 9/10/18 Commission meeting presenter from Affordable Housing
- Temporary signage- A-boards, off-site signage

- Cancellation of 8/27/18, 11/26/18 and 12/24/18 Commission meetings
- Fireworks- governance, enforcement, current allowable time frames

Recent Council Action on Commission Items

- Shoreline Master Plan Public Participation Plan / Consultant Contract
- Park Projects: Council approved contract for Hamilton Park project

Public Comment:

Sid Roberts, 28001 84th DR NW, Stanwood. Former City of Lynnwood Council Member and current Stanwood resident. Expressed frustration with lenient time frame allowed for fireworks within the City of Stanwood. Stanwood and Sultan have the most liberal fireworks code language the State allows. Would like to see code language reviewed in order to be more restrictive. Added that with the new park impact fee code passing this could be a serious revenue source for the City. Would encourage a city-sponsored fireworks event at Heritage Park. Stated Hennings home fire which recently occurred and safety issues surrounding fireworks in urban areas.

Council Member White explained the history behind a City-sponsored fireworks show at Heritage Park and the reasons behind discontinuing the event.

The Commission discussed the fact that wildfires are becoming more common and larger and safety education to the public is important.

Denise Long, Stanwood. Supports brewery proposal. The waste products of beer making process seem beneficial to the environment as the spent grain may be used for animal feed or in baked goods. Excited about the proposal.

Cathy Wooten, 27828 84th AVE NW, Stanwood. Inquired why office space is currently being utilized in the first floor of the new Designs NW Architect building when the public was told at previous city meetings that the first floor would not be occupied due to FEMA requirements.

Staff explained that the building has flood panels and in a flood event water would go through that first floor. Additionally, staff explained that there are different standards for building in the flood plain.

Upcoming Items

- Lenz Port Susan Marketplace site – new building pad will include Mod Pizza as one of three known businesses to go into the common spaces
- Viking Way status

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Devin M. Sola, City of Stanwood