

Hastings Planning Commission

**January 12, 2015
Regular Meeting**

Chair Estenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Estenson, Rohloff, Alpaugh, Deaver, and Johnson
Commissioners Absent: Slaten and Wallace
Staff Present: Community Development Director Hinzman

2. **Planning Commissioner Oath of Office**

Director Hinzman administered the oath of office to Commissioners Estenson and Alpaugh

3. **Election of Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

Motion by Commissioner Deaver to nominate Commissioner Estenson as Chair and Commissioner Rohloff as Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Alpaugh. Upon vote taken, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2014**

Motion by Commissioner Alpaugh to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Upon vote taken, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Public Hearings Scheduled.

OTHER ACTIONS

5. **Washington County – Variance #2015-04 – Minimum Lot Size in the A – Agriculture District – 5 Highway 61.**

Director Hinzman provided a summary of the request.

Commissioner Deaver asked if the request affects the City Limit lines and if Washington County would own and maintain the trail. Director Hinzman stated it did not, the current property is within the City of Hastings, and the trail would be owned and operated by Washington County.

Chair Estenson asked if any of the trails in Hastings are owned by Dakota County and does the City have any maintenance responsibilities on the County. Director Hinzman stated he does not believe so; Dakota County's trails are mostly within street right-of-ways.

Commissioner Alpaugh asked if the proposed trail would be paved or gravel. Sharon Price,

representing Washington County stated the trail would be paved.

Chair Estenson asked if the County trail property would be tax exempt. Director Hinzman stated it would.

Motion by Commissioner Deaver to recommend approval of variance request as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Alpaugh.

Upon vote taken, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Other Business

Director Hinzman provided an update of City Council activities and future Planning Commission items

Comments from the Audience

No comments from the audience.

Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Rohloff to adjourn the January 12, 2015, Planning Commission Meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Upon vote taken, Ayes 5, Nays 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hinzman
Recording Secretary