

Hastings Planning Commission

October 12, 2020 - Regular Meeting Agenda

The Hastings Planning Commission of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Planning Commissioners Present: Johnson, Messina, Best, Romens, Halberg, Matzke, and Siebenaler

Staff Present: Dan Wietecha, City Administrator, City Planner Justin Fortney

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the September 28, 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Best. Roll call vote: Ayes 6; Nays 0; Abstain 1 (Siebenaler); Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Mike and Amy Bauer - Special Use Permit #2020-43 - Historic Apartment – and Parking Variance - 321 6th Street East.

Fortney provided a summary of the staff report and stated a neighbor called in opposition with concerns that the use of the building as an apartment could create as much disturbance as the former Harbor Shelter.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

Amy Bauer, applicant provided a brief summary of the project buildout.

Chair Johnson closed the public Hearing at 7:15 pm.

Commissioner Siebenaler asked who is responsible for maintaining the alleys in Hastings. Fortney said the city is responsible. Siebenaler asked if the historic district only covers properties up to the 1940's. Fortney said the district's period of significance covers the late 1800's to the 1940's. He added that newer homes are still within the district, but are considered noncontributing. Fortney said the HPC must still review the SUP and changes to the property, but would be reviewing their affect on the district rather than the property itself.

Chair Johnson said he would entertain a motion for approval of the SUP.

Commissioner Siebenaler motioned to recommend approval of the parking variance. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Siebenaler motioned to recommend approval of the SUP for the use of historic apartment with the conditions listed in the staff report, seconded by Commissioner Halberg. Roll call vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0. Motion approved.

Commissioner Siebenaler motioned to recommend approval of the parking lot variance as proposed, seconded by Commissioner Romens. Roll call vote: Ayes 7; Nays 0. Motion approved.

OTHER ACTIONS

6. Other Business

Fortney updated the Commission on past Council actions and upcoming applications.

Commissioner Matzke mentioned concerns over the close proximity of the recently approved Heritage Ridge plat to the current mining operations. Commissioner Messina said the project is approved and the developers are going to make a disclosure to potential residents.

Commissioner Siebenaler said she thought the Commission was going to be receiving public hearing notices, so they would know what topics are coming up or may have communication with the residents. Chair Johnson said they had been notified in the past. Commissioner Messina said the discussion with staff was to make sure the Commission was notified of neighborhood meetings related to items that would be forthcoming. Messina added that the Commissioners are notified of the public hearings with the packets and staff report. He said the public hearing notices are very general and don't provide the background and analysis. Dan Wietecha said the public hearing notices are to inform the public to come to the hearing and provide public comment to be considered equally by all Commissioners and Councilmembers.

5. Adjourn

Commissioner Best motioned to adjourn at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Halberg. Roll Call: Ayes 6; Nays 0. Motion approved.

Next Meeting – October 26, 2020

Respectively Submitted:
Justin Fortney
Planning Commission Secretary