

OWATONNA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 11, 2020

The Owatonna Planning Commission met in regular session at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building with President Josh Meillier conducting the meeting. Present at roll call were Commissioners Dan Boeke, John Eickhoff, Josh Meillier, and Kelly Rooks. Mark Meier, Rachel Springer-Gasner, and Mark Wilson were absent. Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke and Planning Technician Kristen Kopp were also present.

A motion was made by Rooks and seconded by Eickhoff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2020. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion carried.

Application No. Z-345, which is a request by South Central Human Relations Center for a zone change from R-I, Single Family Residential to B-1 Neighborhood Business District for the property to be addressed 622 Florence Avenue NW, was presented by Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke. (Refer to report on file.) Public hearing opened at 5:31 pm. Gary Hird, Executive Director of South Central Human Relations Center, said that they're planning to construct a 7,000 square foot building on the site. This will create 10 to 15 new jobs. Public hearing closed at 5:32 pm. A motion was made by Boeke and seconded by Rooks to recommend City Council approval of this zone change request from R-I, Single Family Residential to B-1 Neighborhood Business District. All ayes, motion carried.

The Commissioners discussed the July Building Reports. Kruschke said that the Merchant Square apartments is under construction. This is a 43-unit building. There have been 14 single family permits issued, which is the same as this time last year. The Bosch permit was issued this month.

Kruschke gave an update on previous items. Bosch closed on July 31st and the annexation for the new high school was submitted to the State today. He said he anticipates public hearings for the high school in December with EAW comment in September or October. He said that the school district is setting the timeline.

The next Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday, August 25th. There are three items on the agenda: Drive Thru Second Addition, a sign variance for Grace Baptist Church, and a minor PUD amendment for Eden Valley—changing duplexes to single family and waivers for reduced rear yard setbacks for two lots.

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, a motion was made by Boeke and seconded by Rooks to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 pm. All Commissioners voting Aye, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Kruschke
Community Development Manager