

APPROVED
Minnetonka Beach Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2018

1. Call to Order

Chair Haag called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair Haag, Commissioners Anderson, Breazeale, Enlow, Howarth, Moriarty and Council Liaison Bartel. **Absent:** Halverson

Staff in attendance: None

3. Approve Agenda

(Anderson Motion, Breazeale second to approve the agenda; all ayes). Motion passed.

4. Approve Minutes: June 25, 2018

Commissioner Enlow stated that she wanted to discuss the motion about the crossing from the June 25th meeting that created some controversy. She stated that the purpose of the motion was to ensure that the City followed the process as was spelled out initially. She stated that she sent a letter that staff forwarded to the City Council, Planning Commission and the Crossing Study Group. The letter explained her vote which was not to stop the crossing, but rather to encourage the City Council to continue along the agreed upon timing and process for the crossing.

Commissioner Breazeale also stated that he voted for that motion as well and his intention was not to stop the crossing which was how the motion was interpreted by some residents. He stated that he supported the motion because he thought the City Council had voted to move forward with the design without taking public comment into consideration. He later learned that was not the case, and that the City Council was in fact going to take feedback at the July 16th public meeting before approving a final design.

Commissioner Anderson also spoke about the motion and clarified that her intention was not to stop the crossing, but that she wanted to ensure that the process was followed. She stated that she thought the July 16th meeting was well facilitated and very helpful in understanding the process that the City Council was following. It was clear that the City Council was going to take feedback before making a final decision. She believes that the County will consider resident input and that they will continue to monitor the crossing into the future.

Commissioners discussed how disruptive all of this was to the community when the intention was to have a good, honest public process. Commissioner Howarth stated that she was not happy with the process and that many statements were made by city officials during the public process that were not followed up by the City.

Chair Haag stated that it was important that commissioners have this public discussion about what happened at the June 25th meeting to clear up any misunderstandings.

Commissioner Moriarty pointed out that on page 2 of the minutes, bottom of the page, the statement ended abruptly. After further discussion it was determined that the minutes should read "She stated that the location may be in question, and asked whether another location would be more economical" instead of the sentence ending with "economically". Moriarty also pointed out two minor corrections to the bulleting in the minutes.

(Anderson motion, Howarth second to approve the minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of June 25, 2018 as amended with the correction to the bottom on page 2 and bulleting as stated above; all ayes). Motion passed.

5. Old Business

5.1. Shoreline Drive Improvements and Access Paths

Commissioners stated that they already discussed this issue during the approval of the minutes.

5.2. Update on Hennepin County Shoreline Drive Improvement Study Group meeting held July 16, 2018

Commissioners discussed how the July 16th meeting was conducted. Members agreed that the meeting was well facilitated, and the facilitators patiently allowed for attendees to express their feelings. There was discussion about the facilitators taking notes on things to be discussed later and whether there was any followed up needed. Chair Haag will follow up with city staff.

Commissioner Enlow brought up the 90-day trial period and that the August 13th Council meeting doesn't quite meet the 90 days and suggested that perhaps the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council wait until the 90 days is up to make their final decision. There was a question about whether their original motion locked them into the 90 days from a legal perspective.

Commissioners discussed the timing of the 2019 preliminary budget and the Capital Improvement Program and whether recommending that the Council wait before making a final decision would impact those budget decisions.

Ultimately Commissioners decided that Council Liaison Bartel could relay to the city council the issue of the 90-day trial and the Planning Commissioners comments about continuing to follow the process.

6. Reports

- 6.1. Chairperson – Chair Haag stated that his and Commissioner Enlow's terms were expiring. Both commissioners stated their willingness to be re-appointed for another three-year term.
- 6.2. Commissioner Reports- No reports
- 6.3. Council Liaison Bartel – Council Member Bartel stated that Council discussed a recent report following a MN Dept of Health survey of the water plant which pointed out some health and safety issue, particularly for the plant operator. The upgrades have been estimated at over \$100,000 just for the health and safety upgrades. The report is being reviewed by the Utilities Commission. Council approved the speed bumps for Lafayette Road. The historic preservation of the water tower is going forward, but the city has not spent any funds on this project yet as the process has been funded by grants so far.
- 6.4. Building Permit Report – Was not included in packet.

Resident Davida Suiter stated that she is concerned about the traffic backing up in Navarre causing vehicles to cut through Lafayette Ridge, sometimes at a high rate of speed. She requested additional signage to slow traffic. She also suggested additional speed bumps there as a possible way to calm traffic. Moriarty suggested that this issue be added to the next Planning Commission meeting agenda. Chair Haag mentioned that there are still Transportation Study funds left in the 2018 budget should the commission decide to recommend further measures.

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Anderson motion, Moriarty second to adjourn; all ayes). Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE – The following individuals signed the sign-in sheet: Nell Mathews, Lilla Gidlow, Davida Suiter.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Administrator Susanne Griffin.

Susanne Griffin, City Administrator