

**CITY OF MONTROSE
200 CENTER AVENUE SOUTH
MONTROSE, MINNESOTA 55363
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 20, 2008**

Pursuant to call and notice, the Montrose Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, August 20, 2008.

Those present were Commissioners, Cory DeWitte, Roy Henry, Keith Roseen, Tim Hackenmiller, Alfred Mohring and Chuck Smallwood.

Sharon Knodel, liaison, Jim Burke, park and recreation liaison and Kris Richter, administrative assistant were also present.

Absent: Nina Stanley-Woidyla

MISSION STATEMENT

The Planning Commission, serving a key leadership role as an advisory body to the City Council, reviews and evaluates land use issues utilizing zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure conformity to the Comprehensive Plan and community values, to manage the future growth of Montrose.

Agenda

Motion by Smallwood, seconded by Roseen, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Stanley, seconded by Henry, to approve the May 21, 2008 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0.

Nina Stanley-Woidyla arrived at 7:10pm.

Wright County Post 1901 Land Exchange

Bob Putnam, Quarter Master, of the Montrose VFW Post 1901 discussed the clubs plans to construct a meeting facility at the south end of Lions Park. They requested, at the July 14, 2008 council to exchange land with the city to allow for the required number of off street parking stalls. The city council recommended that the club attend a Park Meeting and a Planning Meeting to share their ideas with the commissions and report back to the city council.

Richter reviewed the Park and Receptions recommendations which included the following items:

- The City residents may use the parking lot
- Accessible trail to the park from 3rd Street
- Screening along the west property line of the park

The Planning Commission reviewed the recommendations and held a discussion regarding the proposal. The general consensus of the commission was that they agreed with the parks recommendations and had nothing further to add.

Richter informed Mr. Putnam that this item will be placed on the next council agenda.

Mr. Evan Siljander, Montrose resident, stated that he would like to ask the Planning Commission a few questions. Mr. Siljander was informed by several commissioners that the Planning Commission is an advisory board to the council and that there is not an open forum portion at this particular meeting. On several occasions Mr. Siljander was advised to address his questions to the council or to city staff.

After several minutes of unproductive and argumentative statements, it was determined to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Stanley, seconded by DeWitte, to adjourn at approximately 7:30 pm
Carried 7-0.

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Barbara C. Thwing-Swanson
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer