

CITY OF APPLE VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Apple Valley Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Melander at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Melander, Ken Alwin, Keith Diekmann, Paul Scanlan and David Schindler.

Members Absent: Tim Burke

Staff Present: City Attorney Sharon Hills, Community Development Director Bruce Nordquist, Planner Margaret Dykes and Department Assistant Joan Murphy.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Melander asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none he called for a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Diekmann moved, seconded by Commissioner Scanlan, approving the agenda. Ayes - 5 - Nays - 0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Chair Melander asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Hearing none he called for a motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Scanlan moved, seconded by Commissioner Alwin, approving the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2015. Ayes - 5 - Nays - 0.

4. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Melander opened the annual business meeting and asked for nominations.

The Commission nominated and elected officer positions amongst themselves for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The officers, given only one nomination for each office, were accepted by unanimous consent under Robert's Rules of Order:

MOTION: Commissioner Alwin moved, seconded by Commissioner Diekmann to nominate Thomas Melander to continue to serve as the Chair of the Planning Commission for one year. Ayes - 5 - Nays - 0.

MOTION: Commissioner Diekmann moved, seconded by Commissioner Scanlan to nominate Tim Burke to continue to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission for one year. Ayes - 5 - Nays - 0.

MOTION: Commissioner Diekmann moved, seconded by Commissioner Scanlan to nominate David Schindler to serve as Secretary of the Planning Commission for another year.
Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Mount Olivet Sign Variance – Request for variance reducing sign setback from 13 feet down to 10 feet to replace an existing sign along Cedar Avenue. **(PC15-09-V)**

LOCATION: 14201 Cedar Avenue

PETITIONER: Mount Olivet Assembly of God Church

MOTION: Commissioner Diekmann moved, seconded by Commissioner Alwin recommending approval of a three foot (3') variance, reducing the sign setback from 13' to 10' from the Cedar Avenue right-of-way, subject to conformance with all City Codes and issuance of a separate sign permit, based on the following findings:

- The existing Mount Olivet sign is located within the Cedar Avenue right-of-way; the new sign may not be installed in the same location.
- The Church was required to dedicate a 1/2 right-of-way of 100' from the centerline of Cedar Avenue when the property was re-platted in 2006. The existing sign is located within the ROW as a result of the dedication, not as a result of the Church's action.
- The requested variance confers no special privilege to the property.
- The sign will not negatively impact adjacent properties or deter future development of vacant lands.

Ayes - 5 - Nays – 0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

--NONE--

7. LAND USE/ACTION ITEMS

--NONE--

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Vitalocity workshop planning.

Planner Margaret Dykes stated that from September 30 - October 1, 2014, Apple Valley was the site of a new initiative called Vitalocity! Vitalocity! is an effort led by the private market to better incorporate aging – friendly principles into Apple Valley's social, economic, and physical infrastructure. The initiative was led by a partnership consisting of the City in conjunction with several corporate and non-profit leaders in the field of aging including Ecumen, BusinessLab UK,

Perkins-Eastman Architecture firm, Kendal Corporation, IBM, Sodexo, Nestle, and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The partnership had developed strategies that would help Apple Valley realize a community that would be more welcoming and easier to navigate for both older and younger residents. The initiative could also serve as a framework for the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan update, which would be completed in 2019.

The partners would like to meet on April 15, 2015, to present their findings and receive feedback on the suggested strategies. The April 15 workshop would likely include other City advisory committees.

B. Review of upcoming schedule and other updates.

Community Development Director Bruce Nordquist provided information on the expansion of Uponsor in Apple Valley.

He noted that the Planning Commission has an open position and applications are being taken until March 31, 2015.

He stated that the next Planning Commission meeting would take place Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments from the Planning Staff or Planning Commission, Chair Melander asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Commissioner Scanlan moved, seconded by Commissioner Schindler to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Ayes - 5 - Nays - 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Joan Murphy
Joan Murphy, Planning Department Assistant

Approved by the Apple Valley Planning Commission on 3/18/15.