

# Greenwood City Council & Planning Commission Joint Work Session Minutes

7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
Jake O'Connor's Public House ~ 200 Water Street ~ Excelsior, MN 55331

## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Approval Agenda

Mayor Kind called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council members present: Fletcher, Kind, Page, and Quam  
 Planning Commission members present: Beal, Cook, Lucking, Malo, Paeper (7:10),  
 Palmberg (7:05), Spiers  
 Council members absent: Rose  
 Planning Commission members absent: None  
 Others present: City Attorney Kelly

Quam moved to approve the agenda. Second by Page. Motion carried 7-0.

## 2. Introductions

Each person introduced themselves to the group.

### Discussion Topics

#### A. Setbacks and hardcover for small and narrow lots

The group discussed whether there was interest in pursuing a change to the code to reduce the number of requests for variances for setbacks and hardcover on small and narrow lots. There was no strong planning commission support to change the code.

#### B. Pervious surfaces

The group discussed ideas for how to encourage the use of pervious surfaces to improve stormwater runoff in the city. The group favored the concept of using pervious surfaces as a tool that may be applied as a condition for variances vs. creating an ordinance.

#### C. As-built surveys

The group discussed the concept of requiring as-built surveys to ensure that construction projects are built according to what was promised. Concerns included the cost for the survey and setting standards that would allow the zoning administrator to waive the requirement. The planning commission will review Woodland's ordinance and make a recommendation to the council.

### Open Discussion

Other potential planning commission projects were discussed, including the regulation of adult establishments and telecommunications towers. The group decided that the planning commission will work on the development of a telecommunications tower ordinance. Regarding the regulation of adult establishments, it was decided that the council should continue the discussion and give direction to the planning commission.

## 3. Adjournment

Page moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Second by Lucking. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Kind