

CITY OF NORTON SHORES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Norton Shores Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road.

Present: Chairman Trygstad, Commissioners Bolhuis, Cross, Drier, Olson and Ruitter; also Rob Bilkie, Jerry Bartoszek, Lynne Fuller and Doug Hughes

Excused: Commissioners Lester, Otto and Westgate

15-P19 Minutes

Commissioner Ruitter moved to adopt the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. The motion was supported by Commissioner Drier and carried unanimously.

15-P20 Consent Agenda

Commissioner Olson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda which consisted of a resolution scheduling a public hearing date of July 14, 2015 to consider a special use permit request from Debra McLean for property at 6516 Martin Road. The motion was supported by Commissioner Ruitter and carried unanimously.

15-P21 Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Sherri Vanderwier, 305 E. Pontaluna Road

The City Clerk certified the publishing and mailing of the public notice.

A public hearing was held. No one commented on the request.

Commissioner Bolhuis moved to adopt a resolution recommending to the City Council that the request of Sherri Vanderwier to change the zoning on the property at 305 E. Pontaluna Road from SUD Special Use Development to REC Recreation be granted. The recommendation for approval was based on the following reasons: 1) The request is in keeping with the Master Plan; 2) It would conform to the existing neighborhood; and 3) The zone change will help the church market the property. The motion was supported by Commissioner Ruitter and carried unanimously.

15-P22 Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Kennel/Animal Hospital, C-2
General Retail

The City Clerk certified the publishing and mailing of the public notice.

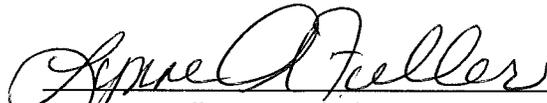
A public hearing was held. Members of the audience spoke in support of Clarke Animal Hospital.

Commissioner Bolhuis moved to adopt a resolution recommending to the City Council that the request of Clarke Animal Hospital to add “kennels, but only in a building approved for use as an animal hospital”, as a permitted special use in the C-2 General Retail district be granted. The recommendation for approval was based on the following reasons: 1) The proposed language would clarify a difficult situation; and 2) This would allow the City to review each application on its own merit pursuant to the special use permit process of the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was supported by Commissioner Drier and carried unanimously.

Comments

Commissioner Ruitter requested an update on the Comerica Bank property. City Planner Rob Bilkie explained that their special use permit is for a period of two years. Commissioner Drier added that they are currently in the process of accepting bids for demolition of the existing building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


Lynne A. Fuller, City Clerk