

OWATONNA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2019

The Owatonna Planning Commission met in regular session at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building with President Josh Meillier conducting the meeting. Present at roll call were Commissioners Steve Jessop, Wes Kain, Josh Meillier, Tim Linders, and Mark Meier. Commissioners Suzy Meneguzzo and Teri Steckelberg were absent. Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke and Administrative Technician Kristen Kopp were also present.

A motion was made by Kain and seconded by Jessop to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2019. All ayes, motion carried.

Application No. Z-338, a request by Steele County and the City of Owatonna to rezone the Steele County Fairgrounds property from R-1 Single Family Residential to B-2 Community Business District, was presented by Community Development Manager Greg Kruschke. (Refer to report on file.) Kruschke said that this was zoned R-1 in the late 60s or early 70s. They are just trying to clean it up now and zone it for how it's actually used. Fairgrounds are exempt from all zoning laws for agricultural fair related uses, although there are a lot of gray areas, such as the Four Seasons and History Center. They may do something with signage in the future, but there are no plans to develop. Public hearing opened at 5:34 PM. Dennis McNamee of 130 E Park Street said that he was just curious about whether this zone change was in response to a new request or need. He said that he's glad to hear it sounds routine. Kruschke noted that Park Place and Cedarview are not part of this request and will remain zoned R-6, High Density Residential. Public hearing closed at 5:35 pm. A motion was made by Linders and seconded by Meier to recommend approval of this zone change request from R-1, Single Family Residential District, to B-2, Community Business District, for the Steele County Fairgrounds. All ayes, motion carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday, May 14th. Kruschke said that they may have one or two items and will meet early if necessary because of the bond referendum vote.

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, a motion was made by Linders and seconded by Jessop to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Greg Kruschke
Community Development Manager