

CRYSTAL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Crystal City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Crystal Planning Commission convened at 7 p.m. with the following members present:

X Commissioner (Ward 1) Sears [Secretary]	X Commissioner (Ward 2) Selton	X Commissioner (Ward 4) Einfeldt-Brown
X Commissioner (Ward 1) Heigel [Chair]	X Commissioner (Ward 3) VonRueden	X Commissioner (Ward 4) Johnson [Vice Chair]
<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner (Ward 2) Erickson (Absent)	X Commissioner (Ward 3) Buck	X Commissioner (At- Large) Strand

Also attending were staff members Dan Olson and Gail Van Krevelen, and Council Liaison Jeff Kolb.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Selton and seconded by Commissioner Heigel to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015 regular meeting with no exceptions:

Motion carried.

C. COMMISSION ACTION

1. Determine whether the Economic Development Authority's proposed sale of 3122 Douglas Drive North conforms to the Comprehensive Plan.

Planner Olson informed the commission that this meeting was to determine whether a lot sale conforms to the Comprehensive Plan, which is a requirement by state statutes. He said that this location is designated as a redevelopment area and meets the requirements for Medium Density Residential in the Comprehensive Plan. The property has been vacant about 12 years and the EDA would like to sell it.

Commission Heigel asked whether the city would be doing any cleanup on the property. Mr. Olson said that the property would be sold as-is.

Commissioner Selton questioned if having to wait for this meeting to occur could hinder a sale. Mr. Olson said that it potentially could happen. He mentioned other cities handle this several different ways, and Crystal is still determining the procedure that they want to use to streamline the process. Commissioner Strand stated she didn't feel it's that critical; this would be for a new house and the process is usually more drawn out anyway.

Moved by Commissioner Selton and seconded by Commissioner Buck to find that the Economic Development Authority's proposed sale of 3122 Douglas Drive North does conform to the Comprehensive Plan based on the staff report findings.

Motion carried.

D. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. City Council actions on previous Planning Commission items: None
2. Staff preview of likely agenda items for Monday, July 13, 2015 meeting
Mr. Olson said there was nothing at this point.

Commissioner Heigel questioned if there was anything new with the BNSF railroad. Planner Olson said no, there was nothing new.

Commissioner Sears mentioned that in the light rail presentation there was an option to close two roads. Mr. Olson said he was unaware of any road closures being proposed but could look into it. Commissioner Sears asked if the city would be part of the review process for any road closures, and Mr. Olson said that they would need authorization from the city unless it was a state or county road.

Commissioner Einfeldt-Brown asked if staff was aware of any land acquisitions necessary for the light rail, Mr. Olson stated that he was not aware of any but it may be too early to know at this point.

E. OPEN FORUM

No one spoke before the commission

F. ADJOURNMENT

Moved Commissioner Selton and seconded by Commissioner Buck to adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.