

# CRYSTAL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Crystal Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

<input type="checkbox"/> 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]
X Commissioner (Ward 2) Strand	X Commissioner (Ward 3) Buck	X Commissioner (At- Large) Daly

Other attendees: City Planner Dan Olson, City Council liaison Jeff Kolb, Public Works Director Mark Ray, Phil Oftedahl, and other interested persons.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Selton and seconded by Buck to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular meeting. Ayes all.

Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Revisions to the City's Floodplain Overlay District (City Code Section 515.61).

Planner Dan Olson presented a summary of the staff report, and stated that staff is recommending approval of the draft ordinance shown in attachment B.

Commission member Daly asked why FEMA is updating the maps and ordinances at this time. Olson stated that FEMA periodically updates these ordinance and maps, and the city assisted in that effort by studying the central area of the city in 2010.

Chair Heigel asked if the pond in Bassett Creek Park will be enlarged through dredging. Mark Ray said that the watershed district has allocated funds in 2018 to dredge the pond, but that it is not expected to be enlarged.

Chair Heigel opened the public hearing.

Phil Oftedahl, 6408 – 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue North asked why his property is remaining in the floodplain, but the homes across 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue are being removed. He felt that his home was at a higher elevation than those homes. Olson said taking a brief look at his property, it appears that his home is still located below the floodplain elevation with the revised map, but he would do a more detailed review and get back to Mr. Oftedahl.

Commission member VonRueden said there were quite a few properties added to the floodplain in 2004, and asked if those same properties are now being removed. Mark Ray said it's possible, and stated that the reason they were removed now is due to the city's floodplain study in 2010. Any further changes would go through the normal FEMA review process.

Commission member Selton asked where we maintain the high water elevation for Gaulke Pond. Mark Ray stated that the city pumps water out to maintain an elevation of 867'.

No additional members of the public wanting to speak, Chair Heigel closed the public hearing.

Moved by Buck and seconded by Daly to recommend approval to the City Council of the revisions to the City's Floodplain Overlay District (City Code Section 515.61) as show in attachment B. Ayes all.

Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS – None

6. NEW BUSINESS - None

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. City Council actions on previous Planning Commission item: Variances for 3226 and 3232 Georgia Avenue North – Planner Olson reported that the City Council approved these variances on July 19, 2016.
- b. Update from Council Liaison – Council liaison Kolb provided updates on the city council's work with the quiet zones project and the city budget. Mr. Kolb also informed the commission about last week's Night to Unite event, the grand opening of the Phenix Salon Suites, the upcoming Village Fest sponsored by Serenity Church, and the Crystal Lions Corn Feed.
- c. Update on City Code Review Task Force – Commission member Buck stated that the task force is reviewing Section 800 of the city code.
- d. Staff preview of likely agenda items for Monday, September 12, 2016 meeting – Applications for a three-lot subdivision and two garage variances are expected to be heard at the September meeting.

8. OPEN FORUM

No one from the public spoke at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Selton and seconded by Einfeldt-Brown to adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.