

January 5, 2010

The Scandia Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting on the above date. The following were in attendance: Chairman Chris Ness, Commissioners Susan Rodsjo, Tom Krinke and Peter Schwarz. Absent: Christine Maefsky. Chairman Ness called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES

Rodsjo, seconded by Krinke, moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Rodsjo, seconded by Krinke, moved to approve the November 3, 2009 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

WAYNE SCHMITT, VARIANCES FOR ADDITION AND REMODELING TO AN EXISTING STRUCTURE AT 21084 OLINDA TRAIL NORTH (RESOLUTION 01-05-10-02)

Applicant Wayne Schmitt has applied for variances to allow for a small addition and renovation to an existing building located at 21084 Olinda Trail. This property is zoned for Retail Business. Mr. Schmitt has also applied for a Certificate of Compliance for office use in the building.

City Planner Sherri Buss presented the planner's report which recommended approval of the request with findings and conditions which were incorporated into a draft resolution. The report stated that the project reinforces the Comprehensive Plan's encouragement of small businesses in the village center.

Mr. Schmitt presented plans which closely follow Scandia's Architectural Design Guidelines for commercial businesses. The renovation includes construction of a storefront façade that draws on historical design elements. Commissioner Rodsjo discussed the proposed design plans and presented examples of the materials which will be used on the storefront.

Chairman Ness opened the hearing to the public.

Jim Malmquist, 14670 Scandia Trail: Mr. Malmquist stated that this will be a significant improvement to the village area. The building's use conforms to the city's implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and the Design Guidelines.

As there were no other comments, Chairman Ness closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Schwarz commented that the design is an excellent improvement to the existing building and commended those who worked with Mr. Schmitt on the architectural design. Commissioners Ness and Krinke voiced their agreement.

Doran O'Brien, the occupant of the office building, thanked the city for the opportunity to begin his business in Scandia.

Schwarz, seconded by Krinke, moved to recommend to the City Council adoption of draft Resolution No. 01-05-10-02, Approving Certificate of Compliance and Variances for 21084 Olinda Trail. The motion passed unanimously.

Rodsjo, seconded by Schwarz, moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Eklund
Deputy Clerk