

City of Excelsior  
Hennepin County, Minnesota  
Minutes  
Planning Commission  
Monday, July 26, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Black called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Black, Craig, Noll, DiLorenzo

Commissioners Absent: Wallace, Harrison, Holste

Also Present: Interim Planning Director Mullin

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Planning Commission Meeting of June 28, 2021

Craig had a slight modification of wording during discussion of Item 5(a). Craig moved to approve the amended minutes. DiLorenzo seconded. Motion carried 4/0.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(a) 770 Excelsior Boulevard CUP Amendment

Mullin briefly presented the report. Noll had a question about the menu board sizes. Mullin said there will be two new order boards, but they may need some confirmation about the actual sizing. Noll questioned if the residents were notified about the Public Hearing. Mullin said yes, all property owners within 350 feet of the subject property were notified and it was published in the newspaper. Black had a question about the Staff recommendation about screening - if the added

trees would be on the rear of the building. Black had a concern about adding to the corner of Excelsior Boulevard and Division Street as its already a busy corner. Mullin said the intent of the recommendation was to add screening further west.

Black opened the public hearing.

Paul Ostergaard, 8175 Pristine Pine Tree Trail, Eden Prairie MN 55347, the franchise operator of the McDonalds, spoke. Ostergaard spoke about the purpose of the application.

Carter Mann, 2730 Westcote Circle, Minnetonka MN 55391, the applicant, spoke about the objective of the application as well.

Peter Hartwich, 186 George Street, Excelsior MN 55331, would like to see more landscaping around the parking lot to keep a "small-town" atmosphere. Hartwich would like to add a public forum to the Planning Commission.

Black closed the public hearing.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**a) *770 Excelsior Boulevard CUP Amendment***

DiLorenzo supports the application and supports the recommendations of Staff, and adds to make sure to be sensible with landscaping. Craig also supports the application. Noll and Black also agree. All the commissioners comment about how busy the drive-through can get and how sometimes the cars are lined up into traffic.

DiLorenzo made a motion to approve the application with the recommendations by staff. Craig seconded, with the amendment to add "appropriate landscaping." Motion carried 4/0.

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6. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS

a) Next City Council Meeting – August 2, 2021

b) Next Planning Commission Meeting – August 23, 2021

DiLorenzo commented that the Community is frustrated with MediaCom, the current cable provider.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

a) Recent City Council Actions

Mullin updated the Commission that the City approved the Purchase Agreement for 106 Center Street.

DiLorenzo had a question about a vacated property on Water Street and would like an update.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by DiLorenzo, seconded by Noll, to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Mullin

Interim Planning Director