

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
August 27, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 9:32 a.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Lisa Bender (Chair), Lisa Goodman, Andrew Johnson, Kevin Reich, Abdi Warsame

Members Absent: Council Member Barbara Johnson

Chair Bender called the meeting to order, introduced the first public hearing item on the agenda, and called on staff Janelle Widmeier to present.

1. Variance appeal: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S ([15-01063](#))

Considering an appeal of the Zoning Board of Adjustment decision, notwithstanding staff recommendation, to deny a variance (BZZ-7265) of the front yard requirement adjacent to Logan Ave S to allow a vehicle height barrier structure for a surface parking lot for the property located at 5025 Knox Ave S.

The public hearing was opened at 9:41 and the following persons spoke:

- a) Representative from Mount Olivet Lutheran Church
- b) Jane Paulus, 5048 Logan Ave
- c) Chad Johnson, 5032 Logan Ave

Seeing no further persons wishing to speak, the public hearing closed at 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Goodman, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied, the Board of Adjustment actions were upheld, and the Board of Adjustment findings were adopted.

Chair Bender introduced the second public hearing item on the agenda and called on staff Lisa Steiner to present.

2. Demolition of Historic Resource appeal: Riverland Ag Corp, 600 25th Ave SE and 649 26th Ave SE ([15-01062](#))

Considering an appeal submitted by Riverland Ag Corp of the decision of the Heritage Preservation Commission to deny a Demolition of Historic Resource application (BZH-28747), establish interim protection for the property, and prepare or cause to be prepared a designation study.

The public hearing was opened at 10:18 and the following persons spoke:

- a) Craig Reiners, Riverland Ag Corp
- b) Doug Johnson, real estate services
- c) Eric Amel, 1 Seymour Ave SE

Seeing no further persons wishing to speak, the public hearing closed at 10:50 a.m.

On motion by A. Johnson, carried on voice vote, the appeal was denied, the Heritage Preservation Commission actions were upheld, and staff findings were adopted.

Items 3-6 were introduced by Chair Bender as the Consent agenda, and the following actions were taken:

3. Rezoning: 2720 University Ave SE, LLC, 2720 University Ave SE ([15-01064](#))
 - a. Approving an application submitted by 2720 University Ave SE, LLC, to rezone (BZZ-7260) the property located at 2720 University Ave SE from the OR2, High-Density Office Residence District to the C2, Neighborhood Corridor Commercial District.
 - b. Passage of Ordinance amending Title 20, Chapter 521 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Zoning Districts and Maps Generally.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the rezoning was approved.

4. Vacation: Joseph Vinar, vicinity of 33rd Ave NE and Taylor St NE ([15-01065](#))
 - a. Approving an application submitted by Joseph Vinar to vacate part of the alley in the vicinity of 33rd Ave NE and Taylor St NE. Once vacated, the land is proposed to be incorporated into the residential uses at 3254 Taylor St NE and 3259 Polk St NE.
 - b. Passage of Resolution approving a partial alley vacation (Vac-1644).

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the vacation was approved.

5. Arts Commission ordinance ([15-00026](#))

Setting a public hearing for the September 17, 2015, Zoning & Planning Committee to consider an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 36 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Administration: Arts Commission, declaring dedicated funding to public art in Minneapolis, defining related terms, and expanding the purpose and duties of the Arts Commission.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the public hearing was set for the September 17 Zoning & Planning Committee meeting.

6. Small-scale grain milling ordinance ([15-00988](#))

Referring to staff the following ordinances amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, amending regulations for small-scale grain milling.

- a. Chapter 520 relating to Introductory Provisions.
- b. Chapter 536 relating to Specific Development Standards.
- c. Chapter 548 relating to Commercial Districts.
- d. Chapter 550 relating to Industrial Districts.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the ordinances were referred to staff.

Seeing no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Reported by Diana Armstrong, Council Committee Coordinator