



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning
& Economic Development – Planning Division**

Date: March 22, 2012
To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee
Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee
Subject: Referral from the February 21, 2012 City Planning Commission Meeting
Recommendation: See report from the City Planning Commission

Prepared by: Lisa Baldwin, Planning Commission Committee Clerk (612-673-3710)

Approved by: Hilary Dvorak, Interim Supervisor, CPED Planning-Development Services

Presenter in Committee:

1. CenterPoint Energy, Vac-1595, Becca Farrar, Sr Planner, 612-673-3594
2. Hennepin County, Vac-1598, Becca Farrar, Sr Planner, 612-673-3594
3. Zoning Code Text Amendment, Kimberly Holien, City Planner, 612-673-2402
4. City Walk Uptown, BZZ-5455 and Vac-1582, 1312 Lake St W, Janelle Widmeier, Sr Planner, 612-673-3156

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on February 21, 2012. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

**REPORT
of the
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
of the City of Minneapolis**

The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on February 21, 2012 took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following items:

1. CenterPoint Energy (Vac-1595, Ward: 7), ([Becca Farrar](#)).

A. Vacation: Application by CenterPoint Energy to vacate portions of Aldrich Ave N and Bryant Ave N, south of Linden Ave W. The property is currently utilized by CenterPoint Energy as part of an existing parking lot for employees.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council accept the findings and **approve** the vacation (Vacation File 1595 A and B) subject to the maintenance of an existing utility easement to the City of Minneapolis as well as the provision of easements dedicated to Xcel Energy over the entire described areas to be vacated.

2. Hennepin County (Vac-1598, Ward: 10), ([Becca Farrar](#)).

A. Vacation: Application by Hennepin County has applied to vacate the north-south alley not previously vacated adjacent to the Walker Branch, Hennepin County Library located at 2880 Hennepin Ave. The block is bounded by Hennepin Ave on the east, vacated Holmes Ave on the west, The Mall on the north and Lagoon Ave on the south.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council accept the findings and **approve** the vacation (Vacation File 1598) subject to the provision of easements dedicated to Xcel Energy and Centurylink over the entire described area to be vacated.

3. Zoning Code Text Amendment (Ward: All), ([Kimberly Holien](#)).

A. Text Amendment: Amending Title 20, Chapter 525 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to the Zoning Code: Administration and Enforcement.

Amending Title 22, Chapter 598 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Land Subdivision.

The purpose of the amendment is to amend land use application, inspection and subdivision fees.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the findings and **approve** the zoning code text amendment to Chapter 525, Administration and Enforcement and Chapter 598, Land Subdivision.

4. City Walk Uptown (BZZ-5455 and Vac-1582, Ward: 10), 1312 Lake St W ([Janelle Widmeier](#)).

A. Vacation: Application by Gretchen Camp with BKV Group Inc., on behalf of Uptown Gassen LLC, for a vacation of 22 feet of Lagoon Avenue right-of-way currently occupied by a surface parking lot located at 1312 Lake St W.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the findings and **approve** the application for the vacation of 22 feet of Lagoon Ave right-of-way for the property located at 1312 Lake St W, subject to the following condition:

1. An easement shall be reserved for Xcel Energy and Qwest.