

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMISSION STUDY SESSION  
ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA  
FEBRUARY 6, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Carper, Matt Eckholm, Jessica Kraft,  
Claudia Johnston-Madison, Joe Tatalovich, Lisa Peilen, Carl  
Robertson, Alanna Franklin (youth member)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Sean Walther, Jacquelyn Kramer, Gary Morrison, Clint Pires

1. Small cell aesthetic requirements. Ms. Kramer presented a summary of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance proposed to be presented to the planning commission at its February 20, 2019 meeting. The ordinance proposes to amend Section 36-67 regarding Communication Towers and Antennas to remove references to communication towers and antennas located in the public right-of-way and restructure the ordinance. It was explained that communication towers and antennas to be located in the right-of-way will no longer be regulated by the zoning ordinance, but will instead be regulated by Chapter 24 of the city code that regulates streets, sidewalks and public places. Amendments to Chapter 24 are currently being processed simultaneously with the zoning ordinance amendment with the intent that the city council will act on both amendments at the same time. The amendments to Chapter 24 were also summarized for the planning commission. Clint Pires was present to answer questions pertaining to small wireless facilities, how they work and how they may be accommodated in the public right-of-way.
2. Annual Report / 2019 Work Plan. Ms. Kramer presented the annual report and work plan. There was a brief discussion. Commissioner Peilen will present the report at the annual Boards and Commission Annual Meeting on February 25, 2019.
3. C-1 District retail/service/liquor store size limits. Mr. Morrison presented an updated proposal for amendments to the C-1 District. The updated amendment proposes to establish a 5,000 sf maximum for retail and service uses up to classification 4, and a 20,000 sf maximum for uses exceeding classification 4. It also clarifies that the classification table does not apply to the residential portion of buildings containing residential uses. The planning commission agreed with the updated amendment with the exception that the retail and service uses permitted up to, and including class 4 be increased to 7,500 sf.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elena Roberts  
Recording Secretary