

Meeting Minutes
New Prague Planning Commission
Wednesday, January 25, 2012

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Planning Commission Chair Bob Gilman with the following members present: Bob Gilman, John Roos, Dan Meyer and Jay Nuhring. Absent was Council Representative David Bruzek.

City Staff Present: Ken Ondich – Planning Director

2. Approval of December 14, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Roos seconded by Meyer to approve the December 14, 2011 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried (4-0, Bruzek absent).

3. Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2012

It was moved by Roos, seconded by Meyer to elect Bob Gilman as Chair for 2012 and Jay Nuhring as Vice Chair for 2012. Motion carried (4-0).

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

A. Summary of 2011 Growth Statistics

Planning Director Ondich presented the staff report. He stated that new single family home permits decreased from 8 in 2010 to 5 in 2011 with the total value of all homes dropping by \$668,978 and the average home value dropping from \$188,692 in 2010 to \$168,312 in 2011. He stated that the value of commercial and industrial permits had increased by over 1.75 million from 2010 to 2011 which was attributable to some larger projects including an office addition at Scott Equipment and Electromed, an expansion and remodeling project at Pizza Ranch and renovations to the Broz Hotel.

The Planning Commission accepted the report as information.

B. Vacant Lot Inventory

Planning Director Ondich presented the staff report. He stated that from 2010 to 2011 there had not been many changes in the inventory of vacant lots within the City. He stated that there are currently 21 vacant commercial lots in the City limits that are ready

to build on with a total acreage of 70.24. He stated that the acreage total did not include the land that Wal-mart had once considered for a store because the land was not formally rezoned to commercial. He stated that the city also only has two industrial lots within the city limits that are ready to build on for a total of just over 9 acres of land. He noted that the Business Park Phase 2 preliminary engineering report identifies approximately 100 additional acres that could be developed but which is currently located outside of city limits. Finally he stated that there are a total of 310 vacant residential lots available in the city limits which are ready to build on.

The Planning Commission accepted the report as information.

6. Miscellaneous

The following miscellaneous items were reviewed as information only:

- A. Monthly Business Update – Planning Director Ondich updated the Planning Commission with a report that was presented to the EDA earlier in the month.
- B. StarTribune Article – Religious Uses – Planning Director Ondich stated that he had included the article about the City of Wayzata and a dispute with a church as it was timely as it relates to recent discussions with New Prague Lutheran Church and their recent acquisition of the former State Bank of New Prague building.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Roos, seconded by Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM. Motion carried (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth D. Ondich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "O".

Kenneth D. Ondich
Planning Director