

Mt. Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission  
Minutes  
April 14, 2021

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was held via the Zoom application. The public was invited to participate via telephone by calling 1-312-626-6799 and prompted to enter the following information: Meeting ID: 840 2203 7031 and Password: 490142. If assistance was needed before the meeting began the public could contact City Planner, Laura Eckles at 641-521-4110. The following Commission members were remotely present: Truman Jordan, Joan Burge, Jay Willems, Matt Nelson and Jenna Wischmeyer. Absent: Rich Hileman and Trude Elliott. Also in attendance: City Planner Laura Eckles. Chairperson, Truman Jordan, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda and March 10, 2021 minutes.** These documents stand approved unless otherwise indicated by Commission members.

**Discussion and possible action on election of vice chair.** It was determined that a vice-chairperson had not officially been elected. Willems made a motion to nominate Rich Hileman as vice-chairperson. Seconded by Wischmeyer. Motion carries. Elliott and Hileman absent.

**Discussion of possible amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning conditional use permits for rooftop alternative energy production.** Eckles said at the Board of Adjustment meeting last month they recommended doing away with the requirement for a conditional use permit for rooftop alternative energy production, but still require a conditional use permit for ground solar. Commission members were not convinced that a change was needed but were not opposed to looking into a way of streamlining the process. A suggestion was made to contact Chad Sands with ECICOG and see what he might recommend for code language.

**Discussion of possible amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning maximum size for accessory structures.** Eckles would like to look at clarifying or cleaning up the language in the code under the maximum size for an accessory building. Commission members agreed and suggested having Chad Sands take a look at this wording as well.

**New Business.** For the May meeting Eckles would like to meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> instead of the 12<sup>th</sup> if a quorum is available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on April 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Dewell  
Deputy Clerk

