

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024

The Mount Vernon Planning & Zoning Commission met March 13, 2024 at City Hall, 213 First St NW, Mount Vernon , IA; with the option of attendance via Zoom.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. to allow for a quorum.

Role Call: Three members present including Jacob Lindauer, Joan Burge and Matthew Nelson. Commission member Jake Buster joining via Zoom. Absent: Willems, Jordan.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve, Willems; seconded by Lindauer. All in favor.

Minutes Approval: Motion by Lindauer to approve the minutes from January 31, 2024; seconded by Burge. All in favor.

Public discussion - items not on the agenda: Mayor Tom Wieseler was present to thank the commission members for their continued service, ask if they had any questions and confirm the appointment by City Council of Cathy George to the commission. The Mayor also asked commission members to consider “What’s next for you?”, noting an anticipated opening the Council ballot in November, 2024.

Agenda Item #5: Site Plan Review – Community Housing Initiative’s (CHI) Cottonwood Apartments. Kris Illg (CHI) and Nick Bettis (Axiom Consultants) were present to answer questions. The site plan was recommended for approval, pending 1) provision and approval by staff of notes on HVAC/mechanical equipment, landscaping & screening, and elimination of wall pack lighting; and 2) review and acknowledgement by the City Engineer.

Motion by Lindauer for recommending approval of the plan as recommended by staff, Seconded by Burge, all in favor.

Staff Updates:

- Next meeting date is April 10, 2024. Tom Gruis from ECICOG will be present to begin the discussion on formulating an ordinance that addresses Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).
- The Uptown Streetscape Project is underway. Commission and community members are encouraged to fill out the survey on the City’s website.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

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Staff present: Tom Wieseler, Mayor and City Planner Leigh Bradbury

Members of the public: Kris Illg, CHI and Nick Bettis, Axiom Consultants