

NOTE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following Council minutes were noted:

- 1) City Council regular meeting minutes dated November 9, 2010
- 2) City Council regular meeting minutes dated November 23, 2010

PUBLIC HEARINGS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Case #1: Public Hearing – Consider Amendment to Section 117-111 (R-1 Residential District) of Chapter 117 of the Ramsey Zoning Code; Case of City of Ramsey

Public Hearing

Chairperson Levine called the public hearing to order at 7:02 p.m.

Presentation

Environmental Coordinator Anderson presented the staff report and displayed five scenarios that should be considered while considering the ordinance amendment.

Citizen Input

There was none.

Motion by Commissioner Van Scoy, seconded by Commissioner Dunaway, to close the public hearing.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Van Scoy, Dunaway, Brauer, and Rogers. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The public hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

Commission Business

Commissioner Van Scoy asked with Park Zoning, which of the five scenarios shown would be applicable.

Associate Planner Gladhill stated it is designated as a park, but not dedicated as a park. Dedicated park is a term that is used when a plat comes forward and land is given rather than money to meet park dedication requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding park zoning and park dedication. They continued discussing the scenarios.

Environmental Coordinator Anderson displayed a map of parcels that could be affected by the ordinance change.

Associate Planner Gladhill stated looking at the map the majority of areas being affected are Emerald Pond Park, the Ponds Subdivision and a few parcels abutting Rivers Bend Park.

Commissioner Brauer asked what purpose is served by doing this.

Environmental Coordinator Anderson stated the purpose would be to add in some flexibility to some lots adjacent to permanent open spaces. The intent of the rear yard setback is to provide separation of living spaces and with the State Supreme Court ruling on variances that is where the flexibility comes into play.

Associate Planner Gladhill stated the city was looking for more ways in the Comp Plan for flexible zoning and special exceptions could be granted through a variance; now the city is trying to find ways in the ordinances for the flexibility.

Motion by Commissioner Van Scoy, seconded by Commissioner Brauer, to recommend that City Council introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 117-111 of the City's Zoning Code to include a reduced rear yard setback of twenty (20) feet on properties entirely adjoining a parcel(s) zoned PARK.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Van Scoy, Brauer, Dunaway, and Rogers. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

Case #7: Staff Update

The Staff Update was noted.

Case #8: Zoning Bulletin

The Zoning Bulletin was noted.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Van Scoy, seconded by Commissioner Brauer, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Levine, Commissioners Van Scoy, Brauer, Dunaway, and Rogers. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission adjourned at 7:30 p.m.