

**City of Falcon Heights
Planning Commission Minutes
March 22, 2016**

PRESENT: Commissioners Alexander, Bellemare, Schafer, Larkin, Murphy, Staff Liaison Moretto

ABSENT: Commissioners Williams, Council Liaison Harris

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Larkin.

The minutes of the February 22^h, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission were approved.

AGENDA:

1. Discussion of Structures on the Front Yard

The commission reviewed the current front yard buildable requirements and how to handle unique requests from properties who want structures in the front yard. It was generally acknowledged that structures should be limited in the front and a normal variance process should be the primary method to build in the front yard for items that fall outside the already permitted structures.

2. Review Keeping of Chickens Ordinance

The commission reviewed the requirements and regulations for the keeping of chickens in Falcon Heights. A topic of concern was the identification of chickens and the methods to do so. It was recommended that chickens be coded as to reduce text on the leg bands. The commission asks staff to development methods that accomplish this goal.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Post Meeting Workshop

Discussion of subdivisions and lot splits. Examples and a discussion on the matter took place.

Community Forum: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

WORKSHOP MINUTES

The Planning Commission engaged in a leaning workshop regarding the subdivisions and lot splits and reviewed examples. The Commission roleplayed scenarios based on the cases and used the foundational requirements of the subdivision process to come to a conclusion on each case. This workshop established clarity and consistency among the commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Larkin
Chair – Planning Commission