

City of Falcon Heights  
Planning Commission Minutes  
24 February 1997

Commissioners present:

Wendy Treadwell  
Paul Kuettel  
Irene Struck  
Betty Wilcox

Commissioners absent:

Wayne Groff  
Alex Hanschen  
Tom Brace

Also present:

Sue Gerhz, Mayor and commission liaison  
Susan Hoyt, City Administrator

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The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM with the arrival of Commissioner Wilcox and the presence of a quorum.

Commissioner Struck moved approval of the minutes from the January 27, 1997 meeting. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on conditions related to a pool hall use.

Administrator Hoyt reported that she had talked with the city's police chief, police detective and prosecuting attorney about conditions related to pool halls as the commission had directed her at the January meeting. She reported that the prosecuting attorney suggested that the city review and revise its licensing criteria for recreational game uses to include some of the items used in other cities. He said that having a progressive warning system for documented police incidents interrupting the peace would be workable in the license. Administrator Hoyt said that she would be reviewing the license requirements and bringing revisions back to the commission. She noted that the commission does not typically play a role in reviewing city licenses. However, given the relationship between the license and the conditional use of a pool hall, it would be appropriate to bring the proposed license criteria back to the commission.

Public hearing and adoption of an ordinance amending the zoning code to provide spacing requirements for licensed residential facilities. Administrator Hoyt reviewed the reason for the proposed ordinance revision which is to maintain a normal residential environment for residents of licensed residential facilities as stated in state statute and to bring the comprehensive plan and zoning code into conformance. Acting Chair Treadwell opened the public hearing at 7:28 PM. No members of the public were present. Acting Chair Treadwell closed the public hearing at 7:29 PM. Discussion followed. Commissioner

Kuettel moved to approve the ordinance amending the zoning code. Commissioner Struck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on a proposed amendment to the zoning code related to requiring that all lots be developed with lot frontage on an improved public street unless they are part of a PUD. Administrator Hoyt explained that many cities have requirements that lots only be developed on an improved public street unless they are part of a planned unit development with private internal streets. She said that there are a few lots in Falcon Heights that might be able to be “split” and have two homes with a shared private drive. The commission discussed this and requested more information before proceeding with any action.

Update on the proposed business loan program.

Administrator Hoyt said that the council had authorized her to research a low interest loan program for business properties to improve their signs. She said that the non-financial requirements for such a program would be reviewed with the planning commission for their conformance to the city’s comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Kuettel moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Struck. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Hoyt  
City Administrator