

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
Regular Meeting of the City Planning Commission  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue  
MINUTES  
January 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

A. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 P.M.

B. **ROLL CALL:**

Scott Wilson <u>  X  </u>	Scott Philips <u>    </u>
Laura Paynter <u>  X  </u>	Jim Mogen <u>    </u>
Joel Gerich <u>  X  </u>	VACANT
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Council Liaison Wehyee       
City Administrator Linehan   X    
Staff Liaison Lynch   X  

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Paynter motion to approve agenda; approved 3-0

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Paynter motion to approve December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes; approved 3-0

E. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Officer Position Nominations
  - a. Paynter nominates Scott Wilson for Chair
  - b. Wilson nominates Laura Paynter for Vice Chair
  - c. Paynter nominates Joel Gerich for Secretary
  - d. Paynter motion to approve officer positions as nominated; approved 3-0
  
2. Adopt the Standing Rules

a. Wilson motion to approve standing rules; approved 3-0

3. 2023 Schedule is noted as planned

4. Licensing of Business Selling Cannabinoid Products

Staff Liaison Lynch introduced the draft ordinance developed by the subcommittee, which is modeled after the city of Elk River's. Subcommittee acknowledged that ongoing state legislative changes may require the Commission to revisit this ordinance in the future.

Paynter motion to send to city council; approved 3-0

5. Discussion – 2023 Priorities

Discussed need for comprehensive plan review and update. Agreed to form subcommittee and outline goals at the February meeting. Also discussed Larpenteur corridor plan and possible need to form a separate subcommittee for that effort. Staff Liaison Lynch discussed the need to address code and enforcement on an as-needed basis as issues come up through the year.

6. Discussion – Community Park

City Administrator Linehan outlined the ongoing discussions between the city and the University of Minnesota regarding the purchase of Community Park by March. To start the process, the lot will need to be split. The first step requires an informal review by the Planning Commission. The second step will be a survey, a public hearing at the February Planning commission meeting, and then to City Council for approval. Linehan pointed out that the lot will be slightly larger than in the historical lease language and would remain zoned P1. Paynter commented that the Commission may want to simplify the procedure for this process moving forward. Linehan also discussed the City's preliminary plans for the future of the Park, including demolition of the main building in 2023 and reconstruction of the northern portion of the park in 2024.

## **G. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff Liaison Lynch reminded Commissioners to expect full agendas at the February and March meetings.

Update on the multiple vacant Commission seats and efforts to attract candidates to fill them.

## **H. ADJOURN 7:28 P.M.**