

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Planning Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

WORKSHOP MINUTES

April 23, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Scott Wilson <u>_X_</u>	Laura Paynter <u>_X_</u>
Jacob Brooks <u>_X_</u>	Mike Tracy <u>_A_</u>
Jim Mogen <u>_A_</u>	Rick Seifert <u>_X_</u>
Jake Anderson <u>_A_</u>	

Staff Liaison Lynch _X_
Council Liaison Meyer _X_

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. City Code Updates - Discussion

Staff Liaison Lynch requested the Planning Commission discuss two topics: accessory dwelling units and parking minimums. She explained she attended the American Planning Association National Conference recently and the main themes of the conference were around housing, parking, and environment. She explained with the housing crisis, accessory dwelling units can be a good way to help address missing middle housing. She stated this would not fix the housing crisis in any way, but it can help offer some additional housing, and also allow for families to keep aging family members with them. Regarding parking, she stated many communities are doing away with parking requirements and it is something to discuss as the Falcon Heights' parking requirements are very high at two spaces per dwelling unit in multifamily properties.

The Planning Commission discussed the pros and cons of allowing accessory dwelling units within the City. They discussed potential lot size minimums and the different types of accessory dwelling units, such as internal, detached, and attached. Staff Liaison Lynch offered to bring back several versions of City Code incorporating these and different options for how to potentially permit them. The Planning Commission agreed. This will be brought back to the May 28, 2024 meeting.

The Planning Commission also discussed the current parking requirements in the City, as well as the movement of surrounding cities and cities throughout the

country to reduce or remove parking minimums from their city codes. The Commission stated they probably do need to be reduced in Falcon Heights, but don't necessarily need to be removed completely. Staff Liaison Lynch stated she would bring examples of options to the May 28, 2024 meeting.

D. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Liaison Report - None.
2. Council Liaison Report - None.

E. ADJOURN

Workshop was adjourned at 8:00 PM.