

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

MINUTES

September 24, 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>_X_</u>	
Staff Liaison Lynch <u>_X_</u>	
Council Liaison Meyer <u>_X_</u>	

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. Agenda was approved by consent.*

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. August 27, 2024

*Commissioner Paynter made a motion to approve the minutes from August 27, 2024. Agenda was approved by consent.*

**E. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. None.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Adult-Use Cannabis Discussion

*Staff Liaison Lynch gave an overview of state guidelines for cannabis businesses and what is under the City's control. She stated she was looking for feedback from the Planning Commission and guidance on if the City would like to look into buffers from schools/daycares/residential treatment facilities/parks, if the City wants to restrict hours of operation, how many businesses the City would like to permit to be located within the City limits, and other items the City may have control over.*

*Commissioner Anderson asked if St. Paul issued a 500' buffer around schools, if Falcon Heights would have to match that to incorporate the school on the St. Paul side of the intersection at Hoyt and Hamline. Staff Liaison Lynch stated no, the cannabis business would need to go by the guidelines of the City it is locating in but surrounding cities do not have to match their neighbors.*

*Commissioner Wilson asked if a daycare center were to locate in the City after a cannabis business was already located there, and it was within whatever buffer the City chooses, if they could ask for the cannabis business to be removed or protest it. Staff Liaison Lynch stated no, if a daycare comes in after and chooses to locate within the buffer from a cannabis store, they would have no authority to ask the business to leave. As long as the cannabis retailer registration is active and being renewed, they have the authority to be located in that location if they were registered with the City first.*

*Commissioners discussed a 500' buffer around sport fields and playgrounds, and Curtiss Field specifically. They discussed that this could have an impact on Falcon Heights Town Square, however that development would need to come back before the City Council to amend their PUD.*

*Commissioners discussed locating these businesses in the B-3 zoning district, limiting the number of businesses registered by the City to one, limiting hours of operation to between 10 AM and 9 PM, 7 days a week, and including a 1000' buffer around schools and 500' buffer around daycares, residential treatment facilities, and parks/playgrounds/sports fields.*

## **G. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. Staff Liaison Report**

*Staff Liaison Lynch reported the City would be holding a Fall Fest on October 26, 2024 at City Hall. She also announced dates for free mattress recycling which does require online sign up.*

### **2. Council Liaison Report**

*Council Liaison Meyer reported the City would be holding Falcon Heights Trivia at Stout's on October 29, 2024.*

## **H. ADJOURN**

*Commissioner Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Motion was carried by consent. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.*