

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

WORKSHOP MINUTES

March 25, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Mike Tracy <u>X</u>	Laura Paynter <u>X</u>
Jacob Brooks <u>X</u>	Rick Seifert <u>X</u>
Jim Mogen <u>X</u>	Jeremy Hallowanger <u>X</u>
Jake Anderson <u>X</u>	
Staff Liaison Lynch <u>X</u>	
Council Liaison Meyer <u>X</u>	

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. City Code Updates

The commission held an open discussion on several proposed updates and clarifications to the City Code. Key topics included:

- *Boat, Trailer, and RV Storage:*
 - *Currently these must be stored in the backyard, 10 feet from any property line.*
 - *Multiple concerns and suggestions were raised about allowing seasonal driveway parking (e.g. 24-48 hours for loading/unloading), size and height restrictions, and allowing storage in side yards if screened.*
 - *A consensus emerged around being more specific in code by vehicle type and size, limiting to one RV/trailer, and considering appearance impacts on neighborhoods.*
- *Composting Regulations:*
 - *Proposed to allow single-family residences in R-5 zones to compost.*
 - *Additional discussion on permitting community composting in higher-density R-5 developments if managed by the property owner or association.*
- *Variance Requirements:*
 - *Currently, variances do not require public hearings.*
 - *Commission supported aligning variance procedures with those for Conditional Use Permits, including public notice (350' radius).*
- *Accessory Structures (shed):*
 - *Discussion about codifying a 5-foot rear setback for accessory structures under 120 sq. ft.*

- *Clarification needed on definitions, including removing confusion between “utility building” and “accessory structure.”*
- *Impervious Surfaces & Permeable Pavers:*
 - *Concerns raised about long-term maintenance of permeable surfaces and equity in enforcement.*
 - *Support for allowing permeable pavers with a percentage credit (e.g., 5%) toward impervious surface maximums if maintained and sloped to drain on-site.*
- *Driveway Surfaces:*
 - *Discussion about two-track driveways with grass between pavers.*
 - *Commission was supportive if maintained, discouraged gravel or dirt driveways due to aesthetics and maintenance issues.*

D. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Liaison Report
2. Council Liaison Report

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