CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

Planning Commission City Hall 2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

WORKSHOP MINUTES

April 22, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

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

B. ROLL CALL:

Mike Tracy _X_ Laura Paynter _X_ Jacob Brooks _X_ Rick Seifert _A_ Jim Mogen _A_ Jeremy Hallowanger _X_ Staff Liaison Lynch _X_ Council Liaison Meyer _X_

C. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. City Code Updates
 - Permeable Driveways: Discussion on allowing permeable or pervious driveway materials. Members supported permitting them city-wide with stipulations for maintenance and limitations on gravel-style options.
 - Variance Process: Proposal to require public hearings for variances, matching conditional use permit procedures. Supported for improved transparency.
 - Setback Clarifications: Addressed confusion over shed setback requirements. Recommendation to define and clarify accessory building setbacks in code.
 - Accessory Utility Structures: Suggestion to use 'accessory building' instead of 'utility building' for clarity and consistency.
 - PUD Expirations: Recommended imposing a 12-month limit for starting construction on approved PUDs with an optional 12-month extension. Consideration for development agreements.
 - Terminology Updates: Plan to modernize language in zoning code, such as replacing 'beauty shop' and 'barber shop' with 'salon'.
 - Garage Setbacks: Discussion on simplifying complex and inconsistent garage setback rules. Staff will draft a more standardized approach.

D. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Staff Liaison Report
- 2. Council Liaison Report

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