

Haggard stated that if people wanted to use their land differently and we want to consider that, we need to notify people.

Public comments were accepted by the Planning Commission:

Larry Weiss, 9302 Stillwater Blvd, would like to see the Friedrich property go back to RAD.

Ed Nielson, 9498 Stillwater Blvd, feels that RAD-2 is not an appropriate zone and does not fit the surrounding area.

Susan Dunn, 11018 Upper 33<sup>rd</sup> St, stated that she felt that RAD-2 should go away. She noted she supports the OP Ordinance, RS and RE developments.

Steve Delapp, 8468 Lake Jane Trail, corrected the legislative history of the RAD-2 land use category and stated that nothing north or 10<sup>th</sup> street other than the Old Village should have this type of density.

Klatt asked the Planning Commission how they wanted to address the questions related to the rural planning area. The Planning Commission would like to just continue to discuss the rural areas as a whole rather than to discuss individual properties. The Commission wanted this to come back to their next meeting.

Haggard and Kreimer both feel that there is more to discuss than just RAD and RAD-2. They would like to see RE & RS discussed as well as other things.

**Business Item:** Animal Ordinance Update

Bell presented the updates to the animal ordinance. The cats and dogs section was recently updated. Bell stated that there have been a lot of inquiries in regards to livestock, especially chickens and bees. The trend in the metro is that people are interested in making their own food. Currently the livestock section is in the zoning code, but staff would like to see that moved to the animal section. Currently the code limits the keeping of livestock to 10 acres. That is one of the questions that should be addressed. Staff is proposing that chicken and bees would be allowed on ½ acre with a permitting process. This seems consistent with the metro trend.

Johnson stated that a lot of communities are going the direction of allowing bees and chickens on smaller acreage, but the staff has also gotten a lot of inquiries about the keeping of chickens on smaller acreage.

Morreale would like to see a scale for chickens that is more in line for personal consumption. It seems that if you can have 32 chickens on 2.5 acres that is more commercial in nature and would create problems with waste, etc. He feels that the

scale is too high. Bell stated that homeowners associations might also limit some of these things. Bell said that these were preliminary numbers and they are looking for input.

Haggard stated that there are a lot of properties that do not have HOA's and it could be a problem. She also asked that with the 2 year licensing, will the staff be sending a notice out when that license is to expire. Bell confirmed that the permitting period is correct.

Johnson stated that this activity is already taking place and if we put in good regulations that are followed respectfully, there should be less problems.

Lundgren stated that she likes that the education component is required for the beekeeping.

Dodson feels that the chart is confusing and should be cleaned up. The animal units are confusing. Bell stated that it has to do with grazeable acreage. You need a minimum of 5 acres for any livestock other than bees or chickens. Staff will work to clean up the table. Dodson was wondering why there was a distinction between chickens and other fowl. Bell stated that it is how other Cities have their code. The requests have been for chickens. Also the different birds have different needs with chickens being the easiest to care for.

Dodson asked who was able to have roosters. Bell stated that anyone over 5 acres would be allowed to have roosters.

## **Updates and Concerns**

### *Council Updates*

1. Variance – 09.029.21.22.0025 (Hill Trail North) was approved at the October 15, 2013 meeting with the 2 conditions discussed at the Planning Commission meeting.
2. Met Council 2040 Growth Forecast Discussion.

### *Staff Updates*

1. Planning Commission has meetings upcoming on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting on 11/13/13 is on a Wednesday due to the Veterans Day holiday.
2. Discussed having finding of facts worksheets that sets out what the criteria is and helps to formulate how to come up with your decision. Worksheets were handed out by Planner Johnson.