



City of Lake Elmo

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3800 Laverne Avenue North / Lake Elmo, Minnesota 55042

The Lake Elmo Planning Commission will meet Monday, May 10, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3800 Laverne Avenue North, Lake Elmo.

(PLEASE NOTE: EARLY MEETING TIME)

AGENDA

1. Agenda
2. Minutes April 26, 1999
3. Comprehensive Plan – *continued discussion*
4. Metropolitan Council Response – (Northeast Annexed Area)
5. Other
6. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes
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(The Planning Commission met at 6:00 p.m. and continued discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan).

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3800 Laverne Avenue North, Lake Elmo, Minnesota. Present: Commissioners Berg, Gerard, Helwig, Herber, Lipman, Sedro and Sessing. Absent: Commissioners Brass, Mandel and Ptacek. Also present: City Planner Dillerud.

1. Agenda
Add: 5.a Village Plan

M/S/P Helwig/Lipman – to approve the agenda, as presented.
(Motion Passed 8-0).

2. Minutes

M/S/P Helwig/Gerard – to approve the minutes from the April 26, 1999 meeting, as presented.
(Motion Passed 7-0-1). Abstain: Herber.

3. Comprehensive Plan (continued discussion)

At the 6:00 p.m. meeting, the Commissioners and Planner Dillerud discussed the observations and suggestions the Planning Commission had made at its April 26 meeting. Planner Dillerud reviewed the GENERAL POLICIES from his May 5, 1999 staff report, which reflected those recommendations.

4. Northeast Annexed Area – Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Planner Dillerud said the Metropolitan Council had suspended review of the second Plan Amendment submitted for the Northeast Annexed Area. He said that it appears that unless Lake Elmo is prepared to concede to urbanization of this area, Met Council staff will not continue to review the Plan Amendment. He then explained that the conflict with the Met Council is over the Northeast Annexed Area portion now designated "Urban Reserve"- about 80% of the Northeast Annexed Area. Lake Elmo's policy of permanent open space and rejection of urbanization with Metro Sewer conflicts with the Metropolitan Council interpretation of Urban Reserve: Urbanization as soon as Metro Sewer (from whatever source – including Oak Park Heights) is available.

Planner Dillerud continued that perhaps a better approach for Lake Elmo would be to request a Regional Blueprint amendment to "Permanent Rural" for most of the City, but also request "Rural Growth Center" status to retain the community identity and focus on enhancement of the Old Village rather than urbanization from the "outside". He cautioned that this strategy may lead to further conflict with the Met Council.

Commissioner Lipman said he does not favor withdrawal from dialogue with Met Council and believes the City should exhaust all options to create a fully developed plan for the Northeast Annexed Area.

Commissioner Berg said he has been attending the Consolidation meetings, and that he sees the possibility that the annexed area could become another "battleground", similar to what Lake Elmo is experiencing with the Baytown/Lake Elmo Consolidation issue.

Commissioner Gerard suggested Lake Elmo "lobby" key individuals at Met Council in order to get a better feel for a City-wide designation of Permanent Rural, and return to the designation of Lake Elmo as a Rural Growth Center.

Planner Dillerud advised the Planning Commissioners that Agricultural designation for the Northeast Annexed area requires an amendment to the Regional Blueprint for a portion of such area.

**M/S/P – Lipman/Sedro – to direct staff to call a Public Hearing, Monday, June 14, 1999 to consider a Comprehensive Plan Amendment designating the entire Northeast annexed area as AG (Agricultural) except, the existing St. John's Church property, which would be designated as PF (Public Facilities).
(Motion Passed 8-0).**

5.a Village Plan

Planner Dillerud said the Village Commission has completed its Village Plan and would be making its presentation to the Planning Commission in the near future. He said the Village Commission has been exploring TDR and PDR options for in and out of a greenbelt designated area within the parameters of the "old village" boundaries.

Chairman Armstrong adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Young-Planning Secretary