

**City of Lake Elmo
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes of September 26, 2011**

The Planning Commission watched a recording of Randall Arendt's presentation "Land Matters – Rethinking Main Street" at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Van Zandt called to order the meeting of the Lake Elmo Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bidon, Fliflet, Hall, Haggard, Obermueller, Van Zandt and Williams. Absent: Pelletier and Ziertman. STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Klatt and Planner Matzek.

Minutes – July 11, 2011

M/S/P, Williams/Bidon, move to approve as presented. Vote: 5:0. Abstained: Fliflet and Van Zandt.

August 8, 2011

Commissioner Fliflet said she was present at that meeting.

M/S/P, Williams/Fliflet, move to approve as amended. Vote: 6:0. Abstained: Haggard.

Business Items – Comprehensive Plan Staff Updates

Planner Matzek stated that the South of 10th Street area work group has met five times and there have been three stakeholder meetings since May of 2011. She said staff is planning an open house for the stakeholder group as well as other existing neighborhoods in October. She said the groups have formed a Vision Statement and set of Goals which has been in front of the Planning Commission and Council and will be working on revising the Future Land Use map.

Chairman Van Zandt asked if the work group has discussed encouraging additional landscaping or how to get businesses to build right up to Hudson Boulevard like what was discussed in the video shown earlier.

Planner Matzek said there has not been that level of detail discussed.

Commissioner Hall suggested two story buildings for that area.

Commissioner Williams said that one of the work group members is a developer who has indicated that some of the items that Arendt has identified as far as pitched roofs and landscaping is not out of the question as long as the developer knows what he must do right from the beginning.

Commissioner Fliflet asked that a topic of discussion be added to address how the retail would be oriented – toward the freeway and only accessed from the frontage road or pockets of smaller development with a different orientation.

Planner Matzek said that the City is moving forward in starting its own library. She said there is a Friends of the Lake Elmo Library group who has been accepting donations.

Commissioner Williams asked about the City Administrator.

Planning Director Klatt said he will be starting at his new position on November 1st.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Matzek
Planner