Planning Commission Minutes
January 23, 2017 Worksession

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Erin Vrieze Daniels and Commissioners Gordon Vizecky, Susan Rosenberg, Rick Jabs, and Charles Standfuss

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Dan Kitzberger and Sean Hayford Oleary

STAFF PRESENT: Melissa Poehlman, City Planner
Matt Brillhart, Associate Planner

Chairperson Vrieze Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ITEM #1
PC Memo No. 1 – Discuss zoning amendments in the Cedar Avenue Corridor, consistent with the Redevelopment Master Plan Update
City Planner Melissa Poehlman briefed Commissioners on the proposed zoning amendments.

Chair Vrieze Daniels inquired about the 10% expansion limit for single family homes and requested that staff research average home sizes in the area and average sizes of recent home additions to see if a higher number would make sense for the houses in this area.

Commissioner Vizecky inquired if Cedar Avenue would be vacated in this area as redevelopment emphasizes Richfield Parkway. Poehlman stated that it was possible on some blocks, while on others Cedar Avenue would be retained for truck/loading access that would be undesirable on Richfield Parkway.

Poehlman stated the planned timeline was to hold a public hearing at the February 27 Planning Commission meeting and go before the City Council on March 14 and 28.

ITEM #2
PC Memo No. 2 – Discuss an interim ordinance amending temporary sign regulations related to 66th Street reconstruction
Associate Planner Matt Brillhart briefed Commissioners on the proposed interim ordinance.

Commissioner Standfuss encouraged grouping of signage for adjacent business to limit visual clutter.

Commissioners discussed the need to accommodate businesses in the area during construction while limiting the overall number of signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Gordon Vizecky
Secretary