MINUTES OF THE CITY OF OKOBOJI PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON JULY 10, 2023

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Okoboji, Iowa met on the above date at 5:30PM at the Okoboji City Hall. Commission members present were Barbara Mendenhall, Hank Grant, Perry Pearson, Dorris Welle, and John McMahon. Others present were Tamra Milligan, Paul Milligan, Ryan Ferguson, Steve Boote, Susan VanOrsdel, and one unnamed other participant.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Commissioner Welle and a second by Commissioner Grant to approve the meeting minutes from the May 15, 2023 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The following Commissioners voted "YEA": Mendenhall, Grant, Welle, McMahon, and Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairperson Pearson opened a public hearing to consider and make recommendation on a lakeshore landscaping permit application submitted on behalf of 1206 Gordon Drive

Ryan Ferguson, Ferguson Landscaping, provided the Commission with an overview of the project. Ferguson advised on the condition of the existing landscaping and the rational for replacement.

Tamra Milligan advised that the existing stone that they have matches the neighboring properties very well. Milligan asked if there could be an opportunity to use the same stone as has been used by their neighboring properties so that everything looks cohesive. The proposed stone being required by the City looks very different and does not tie in. Milligan also discussed pulling the top wall out a little bit further.

Commissioner Mendenhall inquired about the City's review and notation about drainage. Meyers commented that Beck Engineering, who represents the City, was in discussion with the engineer for the project to resolve those issues.

Motion made by Commissioner Mendenhall and a second by Commissioner Grant to recommend the project for approval based on the submitted site plan (with two walls not one) except allowing for the use of the existing stone and conditioned about agreement on the issues of drainage. The following Commissioners voted "YEA": Mendenhall, Grant, Welle, McMahon, and Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairperson Pearson opened a public hearing to consider and make recommendation on a lakeshore landscaping permit application submitted on behalf of 2207 Fort Dodge Point.

Steve Boote provided the Commission with an overview of the project.

Commissioner Grant asked about the height of the wall. The walls were roughly four feet in height, but some would be higher due to the irregularity of the stone size. Administrator Meyers commented that some were as tall as 4'6".

Discussion took place pertaining to the patio on the lakeshore. Boote commented that the patio that is going back will be the exact same size as what was previously existing.

Commissioner Mendenhall discussed the vegetation plan associated with this and Boote commented that the plan shows plants that will provide coverage against the walls with the exception of where the patio is at.

Commissioner Grant asked if the walls taller than 4' could be avoided. Boote advised that he asked this of the stone manufacturer but was told if you want to the natural, random look that overages may occur.

Commissioner Mendenhall discussed with those in attendance cleaning up, weed eating, and cleaning up the bank.

Motion made by Commissioner Welle and a second by Commissioner Mendenhall to recommend the project for approval. The following Commissioners voted "YEA": Mendenhall, Grant, Welle, McMahon, and Pearson. Motion passed 5-0.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:13 PM

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MICHAEL MEYERS
CITY ADMINISTRATOR