

**CITY OF ISANTI
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 2017**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Chairman Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone rose for the pledge of allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present: George Wimmer, Steve Lundeen, Dan Collison, Ross Lorinser, Paul Bergley, and Jeff Miller.

Members Absent: Jim Kennedy

Staff Present: Ryan Kernosky, Community Development Director; Don Lorsung, City Administrator; Katie Brooks, City Clerk/Human Resources; Jason Cook, City Engineer.

1D. Agenda Modifications.

None

Motion by Lorinser, second by Lundeen to approve the Meeting Agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting

Motion by Lorinser, second by Collison to approve the Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing

A. Request from Isanti Hotel Partners, LLC (Troy Hoekstra, Agent) for approval of a Site Plan Review per Section 18, Subd. 2 to construct a 60-room Hotel, and for a variance from Section 17, Subd. 10 of the Isanti Zoning Code pertaining to parking requirements and Section 13, Article 2, Subd. 14(A) pertaining to setback requirements for PID 16.146.0010 more legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, of Isanti Hotel Addition, Isanti County, Isanti, Minnesota

Mayor Wimmer opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Jason Bourke, 208 Richard Ave – Mr. Bourke wanted to publicly state that he is against the variance in the parking reduction. He wanted to make sure that the flow of the traffic from the hotel would not impact his neighborhood. Mr. Bourke stated he was not opposed to the hotel, but did have concerns over traffic and the parking.

Hugo Strike – Mr. Strike would like to see the hotel moved West to not block his business from view. Mr. Strike asked about how the codes were set, Mayor Wimmer provided an example on variances from the Co-Op's required parking. Mayor Wimmer stated that the variance was

consistent with Best Western brand standards. Mr. Strike stated that he thought the City did not give out variances.

Mayor Wimmer closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Mr. Lundeen stated that the likelihood of traffic utilizing Richard Avenue is unlikely. Vehicles will more likely use the Main Street to get onto TH 65.

Mayor Wimmer discussed previous examples of increased traffic uses in the City. There are ways to limit traffic using Richard Street, like signage.

Mr. Collison stated that there can be signage used. Mr. Lundeen stated that trailers are normally kept on the site (like the rodeo grounds).

Director Kernosky stated that the activity is facing Main Street, and that he expected the majority of hotel guests to utilize the Main Street side more often than the Broadway Street side for access. Director Kernosky continued to state that our zoning code does require interior landscaping, and that another variance would be needed if they removed that to accommodate the full required parking.

Motion by Lorisner, second by Collison to recommend approval of Resolution 2017-XXX approving the Site Plan/ Building Appearance and Variance for the Best Western Plus. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Other Business.

A. None.

5. Other Communications.

A. None.

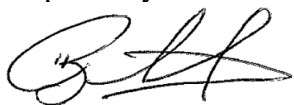
6. Adjournment

Motion by Lundeen, second by to Bergely to adjourn the November 21, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission. Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 22nd day of November, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Kernosky
Community Development Director