



MEETING MINUTES
LAND USE COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 8, 2022
7:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers

Members Present: Myrna Arevalo, Brian Johnson, Kiril Mirintchev, Max Puchtel, Matt Rodgers, Kristine Westerberg

Members Absent: Violetta Cullen, George Halik, John Hewko, Jeanne Lindwall

Staff Present: Alexandra Ruggie, Meagan Jones

Presiding Member: Matt Rodgers

Call to Order

Chair Rodgers opened the meeting at 7:00pm. A roll call was then done and a quorum was determined to be present.

Approval of May 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Westerberg suggested an edit to the draft minutes. Commissioner Westerberg then made a motion to approve the Land Use Commission meeting minutes from May 25, 2022 as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Arevalo. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed, 5-0, with one abstention.

Old Business

A. Major Adjustment to a Planned Development | 1571 Maple Avenue | 22PLND-0032

1571 Maple Avenue, LLC, applicant, submits for a major adjustment to the planned development approved by ordinance 19-O-15, and amended by ordinances 61-O-16 and 147-O-18 in the D3 Downtown Core Development District. The applicant is requesting to modify the number of required leased parking spaces from 55 to 0, terminating the existing parking lease between the applicant and the City of Evanston. The Land Use Commission makes a recommendation to the City Council, the determining body for this case, in accordance with Section 6-3-9-8 of the Evanston Zoning Code and Ordinance 92-O-21. Staff requests that this item be continued to the June 8, 2022 Commission meeting.

Ms. Jones explained that due to the need for additional information from the applicant, and cross referencing it, staff is requesting that this review be continued to the June 22nd meeting.

Commissioner Westerberg made a motion to continue this item to the June 22nd meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Arevalo. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Discussion

A. Land Use Commissioner Training

Ms. Ruggie provided a presentation regarding Open Meetings Act (OMA), Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Robert's Rules of Order and how they apply to the Commission. She then provided a presentation relating to Standards for Approval, why they are important, how they apply and emphasis on standards needing to be met or met with conditions applied in order for an item to be approved (or recommended for approval). General recommendations when reviewing the standards during hearings were also presented.

A discussion followed regarding deliberations, meeting standards and applying conditions, and examples being provided to illustrate the items mentioned in the training.

Communications

No communications.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

Commissioner Westerberg motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Puchtel seconded, and the motion carried, 6-0.

Adjourned 7:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Jones, Neighborhood & Land Use Planner