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5 1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice-Chair Scott Patten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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7 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was recited.

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9 3. **ROLL CALL** – Present: Scott Patten, Sally Doherty, Kris Kopitzke, Mark Nelson, Lucia Wroblewski, Jim  
10 Langan, Roger Bowman **Quorum present.** Absent: Barbara Ronningen

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12 **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Council Member Richter and City Administrator Ron Moorse.

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14 4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –  
15 **Motion/Second: Nelson/Kopitzke. To approve the May 1, 2017 Planning Commission agenda as**  
16 **presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.**

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18 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –  
19 A. April 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes – **Motion/Second: Nelson/Langan. To approve the April 3, 2017 PC**  
20 **minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0-2.** [Patten and Doherty abstained due to absence]

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22 7. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS** - None

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24 8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

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26 9. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

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28 10. **OLD BUSINESS** –

29 A. **Comprehensive Plan Update Process**

30 1. Draft Updates of Plan sections by Commission members – The sections being reviewed by the  
31 Commission members are as follows:

- 32 • Bowman: Parks and open Space
- 33 • Nelson: Energy
- 34 • Langan: Environment
- 35 • Patten: City Governance
- 36 • Kopitzke: Transportation
- 37 • Doherty and Wroblewski: Land Use (Moorse to obtain Judy Seeberger’s notes from her  
38 review of this section and provide to Doherty and Wroblewski)

39 During discussion of the Parks and Open Space section, Moorse noted that the City has a Parks Plan. Bowman  
40 requested a copy of the Parks Plan be provided to the Planning Commission members. It was also suggested that  
41 Moorse follow up with the Park Committee regarding their review of the Parks and Open Space section of the  
42 Comprehensive Plan.

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44 Richter noted that the Comprehensive Plan is a broad plan and map reflecting the long term plan and philosophy  
45 of the City. He suggested that the detailed regulations regarding land use be left to the City’s ordinances vs. the  
46 Comprehensive Plan.

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48 Kopitzke indicated there is nothing in the Comprehensive Plan regarding the PLCD subdivision option.

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50 Nelson indicated the zoning code no longer contains the specific clause regarding solar energy access that is  
51 quoted in the Comprehensive Plan. The clause has been moved to a different section of the code. The citation for  
52 this language needs to be corrected in the Comprehensive plan.

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54 Nelson suggested the Comprehensive Plan should address wind energy as well as solar energy, and suggested it  
55 could be allowed as long as the rural character is protected in the Ag and RR zones.  
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57 Doherty suggested that the plan should reference that a substantial amount of public input opportunities have been  
58 provided regarding renewable energy options.

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60 Nelson addressed the suggestion of adding a Resiliency section to the Plan by indicating that the Met Council's  
61 resiliency scorecard does not match Afton's philosophy.

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63 In response to a question about what the Commission should focus on in its review of the Comprehensive Plan,  
64 Langan asked whether there are any problems with the Comprehensive Plan that the Commission has experienced.  
65 He also asked about the things for which the City is accountable to the Met Council and what items in the  
66 Comprehensive Plan are enforceable.

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68 Kopitzke summarized his review of the Transportation section. He indicated the transportation analysis zone data  
69 needs to be updated. He also suggested adding information about population growth in adjacent cities. He also  
70 indicated the current Comprehensive Plan provides for the construction of through roads, while the City seems to  
71 be moving toward cul de sacs. Kopitzke suggested the 150 foot setback from County Roads should be reduced  
72 substantially. He also suggested adding language regarding the importance of timely maintenance of the City's  
73 transportation infrastructure.

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75 Langan indicated he will present a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Environmental section at the next  
76 Planning Commission meeting. He also asked whether the Met Council could provide a template for an  
77 environmental scorecard. He also indicated that the sustainability of Afton's private wells is subject to  
78 Woodbury's water usage.

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80 C. Update on City Council Actions – Richter summarized the Council Highlights from the April 18, 2017  
81 Council meeting.

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83 **11. ADJOURN**

84 **Motion/Second: Doherty/Wroblewski. To adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.**

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86 Respectfully submitted by:

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90 Ronald J. Moore, City Administrator

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92 **To be approved on June 5, 2017 as (check one): Presented:     X     or Amended: \_\_\_\_\_**