
The meeting was held in-person, with participation via Zoom also available.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Kopitzke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL** – Present: Jacob Edwards, James Langan, Justin Sykora, Kris Kopitzke, Marc Porupsky. A quorum was present. Absent were Doug Parker, Christian Dawson, Sally Doherty, Kuchen Hale (all excused)
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – City Administrator Ron Moorese, City Council member Lucia Wroblewski, Planning Consultant Claire Michelson
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** –
Motion/Second Sykora/Porupsky To approve the agenda for the June 26, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Passed 5-0.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –
Motion/Second Sykora/Porupsky To approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Passed 5-0.
6. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS** none
7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - A. Eastern Twin Cities Islamic Center application for amended CUP
Chair Kopitzke opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm.
Planning Consultant Claire Michelson provided a summary of the application which is for a 13,000 square foot addition of a gymnasium, two classrooms and two multi-purpose rooms to support activities of the Islamic Center.
The ETCIC Communications Director was present for questions about the expansion.
No comments from the public were received.
Motion/Second Sykora/Langan to close the public hearing. Passed 5-0
Hearing closed at 7:09 pm.
Porupsky stated that the proposed addition is in compliance.
Sykora asked if the septic system is being evaluated for increased usage.
Chris McCoy, project architect, stated there will be an additional convenience restroom, not necessarily serving more people. The engineer will evaluate and increase capacity if needed.
Langan asked about shower facilities.
McCoy stated this is for casual community use, not for school sports. There will not be shower facilities.
Michelson noted that as an accessory to a religious structure, a gym is allowed in the code.
Motion/Second Kopitzke/Porupsky to recommend approval of the Eastern Twin Cities Islamic Center amended CUP with findings and conditions presented by staff. Passed 5-0.
 - B. Wildheisen Preliminary Plat application at 4857 Manning Ave S
Chair Kopitzke opened the public hearing at 7:16 pm.
Planning Consultant Claire Michelson provided a summary of the application which is for a major subdivision at 4857 Manning Avenue and 50th Street. This proposal would create four additional lots in two quarter-quarter sections and would result in three new dwelling units. One proposed parcel is located within two quarter-quarter sections and in order to comply with the density requirements in the zoning ordinance the house needs to be located in the easterly quarter-quarter section. All of the access would be from existing roads and no new road infrastructure is needed. The proposed subdivision creates four new parcels, one with an existing home and access on Manning Avenue, and three that will add new dwelling units.

57 No comments from the public were received.
58 **Motion/Second Sykora/Langan to close the public hearing. Passed 5-0.**
59 Hearing closed at 7:27 pm.
60 Porupsky asked if lots would be subdivided in the future. (based on current zoning, no)
61 **Motion/Second Sykora/Porupsky to recommend approval of the Wildheisen preliminary plat application**
62 **with findings and conditions presented by staff. Passed 5-0.**
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64 **8. NEW BUSINESS** none
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66 **9. OLD BUSINESS -**

67 A. Draft Ordinance Amendments

68 Administrator Moorse provided an update on the three amendments.

- 69 - The Council will be having further discussion regarding the draft exterior storage ordinance amendment at an upcoming work session before providing additional direction.
- 70 - The City Attorney to do additional research regarding higher penalties for illegal tree removals and regarding the length of time a property owner can be required to maintain new trees that replace trees illegally removed, and to provide the results of that research and related recommendations to the Council at the July 18 Council meeting.
- 71 - The Council referred the solar energy systems ordinance amendment to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation. Due to the required timing of a public hearing notice, the ordinance amendment will not be brought to the Planning Commission until its August meeting.

72 B. Groundwater Protection

73 The Planning Commission discussed ordinances related to reducing the use of herbicides and lawn chemicals. Examples from Woodbury and Stillwater were provided. Draft language for pesticide use will be developed based on the Stillwater ordinance.
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75 C. Update on City Council Actions –

76 Council member Lucia Wroblewski provided a summary of the June council meeting.
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84 **10. ADJOURN**

85 **Motion/Second Porupsky/Sykora To adjourn. Passed 5-0.**

86 Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.
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96 Julie Yoho, City Clerk
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100 August 7, 2023 as (check one): Presented: _____ or Amended: _____
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