

**ANOKA PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSESSION MEETING
ANOKA CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The worksession meeting of the Anoka Planning Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Planning Commissioners present: Chair Don Kjonaas, Karna Brewer, Borgie Bonthuis, Nancy Coleman, James Cook (attending virtually), Shari Nemec, and Peter Rech

Planning Commissions absent: None.

Staff present: City Planner Clark Palmer

DISCUSSION – SELECTING 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2022 GOALS

City Planner Palmer reviewed the draft 2021 accomplishments and the Commission supported those as drafted. He reviewed the draft of 2022 goals for the Commission and welcomed input.

Commissioner Brewer commented that it would be helpful to interact with other communities in order to share development plans that could have impact and learn about their development plans.

City Planner Palmer confirmed that an invitation could be extended to planning commissions from adjacent communities to share information if that is desired. He noted that annually each city in the area gathers together to share information they are working on. He was unsure that there were minutes from that meeting but believed that it is recorded by QCTV and could be watched. It was noted that item would not become a goal for 2022, but if there is a speaker others could be interested in, the invitation could be extended to others.

Commissioner Bonthuis noted that all public meetings from neighboring cities are available to rewatch on QCTV.

Chair Kjonaas noted the new industrial buildings that are being constructed along 169 in Brooklyn Park.

City Planner Palmer commented that the industrial market has continued to boom throughout COVID.

Commissioner Rech suggested going back to the 2020 Comprehensive Plan, which would have been developed in 1999, to review that plan and determine which elements were a hit and which were a miss.

Staff and the Commission had discussion about zoning and potential development near the transit station. There was also discussion about senior housing and whether or not that was counted towards the percentage of apartments for the community, and what the point of oversaturation would be for certain types of development. The Commission also discussed the importance of planning in terms of where different housing products are allowed.

City Planner Palmer advised of an upcoming League of Minnesota Cities event focused on land use regulations that is being offered at no cost.

ADJOURNMENT:

Time of adjournment: 6:24 p.m.

Submitted by: Amanda Staple, *TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*