



# Planning Commission Study Session Minutes

February 8, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Rick Jabs, Commissioners Dennis Schuller, Catherine Peloquin, Gordon Vizecky, Thomas Rublein, Maureen Scaglia, Daniel Kitzberger and Robert Hall.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Josh Root

**STAFF PRESENT:** Melissa Poehlman, City Planner  
Karen Barton, Assistant Community Development Director  
Jeff Pearson, Transportation Engineer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

Chairperson Jabs called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

## **ITEM #1 Introduction and welcome to new Commissioners.**

The Commission welcomed new Commissioners Hall and Kitzberger.

## **ITEM #2 Prioritization of County Road Improvements Discussion – Jeff Pearson, City Transportation Engineer**

Jeff Pearson provided background explaining that the Transportation Commission is interested in receiving feedback from the Planning Commission regarding redevelopment potential along City arterial roadways. This information will be used to help prioritize expenditures. The Commission listed the following possibilities:

- Number of vacant lots along the segment in question;
- Comprehensive Plan and Zoning designation match;
- Number of properties that are zoned Commercial, Single-Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential;
- Redevelopment interest as gauged by staff;
- Existence of a specific redevelopment plan (as opposed to just the Comprehensive Plan); and
- Availability of additional redevelopment funds.

Staff will compile numbers and some background information regarding possible “best practices” for the March 8th study session. At that time, the Commission will discuss scoring based on these measurements.

## **ITEM #2 Discuss Property Acquisition Finding of Consistency**

Staff reminded the Commission of the action taken in November and reported on the work done under the resolution by the HRA since that time.

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The Commission continues to support the resolution and would like to receive the monthly memo that is sent to the HRA regarding property acquisitions.

**ITEM #3      Discuss Topics for the 2010 Planning Commission Study Sessions**

Poehlman presented possible topics and study session dates. The Commission discussed additional possibilities including asking Metropolitan Council Representative Polly Bowles to present at the joint meeting between Bloomington, Edina and Richfield and a meeting with the HRA.

Chairperson Jabs adjourned the meeting at **8:34 p.m.**

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Thomas Rublein  
Secretary