

1 CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
2 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
3 AUGUST 15, 2023
4 7:00 p.m.
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6 **CALL TO ORDER.**

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8 Vice Chair Morita called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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10 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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12 Vice Chair Morita invited the Commission and the audience to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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14 **ROLL CALL.**

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16 Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Morita, Commissioners Erickson, Kuykendall, and Rude.
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18 Absent: Chair Socha, and Commissioners Gaveske and Hendrickson
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20 Also Present: City Planner Stephen Grittman, Assistant to the City Manager Nicole
21 Miller and Student Liaison Alayna Peterson
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24 **I. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 15, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**
25 **AGENDA.**

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27 Motion by Commissioner Erickson, seconded by Commissioner Rude, to approve the August
28 15, 2023, Regular Planning Commission Meeting Agenda.
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30 **Motion carried 4-0.**
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32 **II. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2023, REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION**
33 **MEETING MINUTES.**

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35 Motion by Commissioner Rude, seconded by Commissioner Erickson, to approve the July 18,
36 2023, Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as presented.
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38 **Motion carried 4-0.**
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40 **III. PUBLIC HEARING.**

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42 A. CUP – 3312 Silver Lake Road.
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44 Vice Chair Morita opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.
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46 City Planner Steven Grittman reviewed the applicant, Nativity Lutheran Church, is proposing
47 to upgrade an existing ground sign for message displays located at 3312 Silver Lake Road.
48 Mr. Grittman indicated the location on a map. The ground sign would be located along the
49 east side of the building, adjacent to Silver Lake Road in the location of the current sign.

1 Because a portion of the sign will include an electronic digital display, the sign requires a
2 Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Section 155.29 of the City's Sign Ordinance.

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4 The new sign would be located in the traffic island separating in-bound traffic to the church
5 property and the travel lanes of Silver Lake Road. The existing sign sits very near the roadway
6 in this location. The plans indicate the overall height of the sign to be 8 feet the maximum
7 height for such signs. The Dynamic Display will be 15 square feet (5 feet wide by 3 feet
8 high), which is significantly less than 35% of the total allowable 150 square feet in the ROS
9 District. The total sign display area, including both the digital and non-digital surface, is
10 approximately 34 square feet.

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12 Based on a review of the proposed sign and the applicable regulations, Planning Staff
13 recommends approval of the CUP request, with conditions related to compliance with code
14 requirements applicable to dynamic display signs with the following conditions:

- 15 1. Applicant will submit plans verifying a setback from Silver Lake Road no closer than the
16 existing sign which is being removed.
- 17 2. Compliance with the operational standards of the code in Section 155.29, notably the
18 requirements for a static, monochrome message of at least 8 seconds duration, a black
19 background, and other related requirements.

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21 The Petitioner, Beth Schuman, commented on the sign placement. The new sign does not
22 move any closer to Silver Lake Road. They have no concerns about following the ordinance
23 for signs.

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25 Vice Chair Morita closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

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27 Commissioner Rude stated this is grandfathered in and he does not want others to think they
28 can have a sign closer to Silver Lake Road.

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30 Motion by Vice Chair Morita, seconded by Commissioner Rude, to recommend the City
31 Council approve the resolution approving a request for a Conditional Use Permit for an
32 Electronic Dynamic Display Sign at 3312 Silver Lake Road in the R-1 Single Family
33 Residential Zoning District with conditions noted.

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35 **Motion carried 4-0.**

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37 Mr. Grittmann stated this will go before the Council at their meeting on September 12, 2023.

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39 **IV. STAFF REPORTS.**

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41 Mr. Grittmann stated the Council did adopt the regulations on THC Hemp Products that had
42 been reviewed by the Planning Commission. Mr. Grittmann stated the Council also adopted an
43 interim moratorium on adult use cannabis that runs until January 1, 2025. The State is creating
44 an Office of Cannabis Management. Mr. Grittmann explained the licensing process. He
45 referred Commissioners and residents to the League of MN Cities website for further
46 information.

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V. OTHER BUSINES - NONE.

VI. COMMUNITY FORUM - NONE.

No one appeared to address the Planning Commission.

VII. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Assistant to the City Manager Nicole Miller announced this would be the last meeting for Student Liaison Alayna Peterson and thanked her for her service.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

Vice Chair Morita adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Wolfe
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

