

**MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION**

JANUARY 28, 2009

Approved Minutes

Those present were: Commissioners Conn, Holm, Jechorek, Johansen, Lohse-Johnson, Nguyen, Sullivan; City Council Liaison Gates; Community Development Director Schreier, Planning Director Sherman, and Planner Gross.

Those excused were: Commissioner Spooner and Planner Larson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holm called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Form Based Codes

Commissioner Conn asked what other cities area doing or for samples of what Form Based Codes are.

Planning Director Sherman explained that it is design by block rather than specific setbacks or established zoning district or standards.

Community Development Director Schreier used the comparison of the Village Redevelopment Plan as an example of a similar process to design by Form Based Code.

Commissioner Conn asked what the advantages and disadvantages to Form Based Code were. He asked what the development community reaction would be to Form Based Codes.

Planning Director Sherman stated that the reaction would likely be mixed. Some in the development community would like it, and some would be more receptive to the current regulations as they are.

Planning Director Sherman asked about how the Commission felt about uses.

Commissioner Conn stated that he would like this to be designer/builder friendly. He would like to see examples.

Commissioner Sullivan stated he would like to see a copy of a real world Form Based Code.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. New Commissioners

Anh Nguyen was introduced to the rest of the Commission as filling the seat vacated by Dean Heng. George Lessard will fill the seat vacated by Chad Kuehne.

B. Report on Council Actions

Council Liaison Gates informed the Commission of the actions of the January 26 Council meeting. Items discussed included the Bethany Russian Church and Mikros Addition.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Holm requested adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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