

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

February 25, 2009

Approved Minutes

Those present were: Commissioners Conn, Holm, Jechorek, Johansen, Lohse-Johnson, Nguyen, Sullivan, Lessard; Community Development Director Schreier and Planning Director Sherman

Those excused were: Commissioner Spooner, Council Member Gates, Planner Gross, and Planner Larson

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Multi-family Housing Task Force Report

Planning Director Sherman provided an overview of the formation of the Multi-family Housing task force and presented a power point to summarize the process, the questions to be answered by the task force and their recommendations.

Commissioner Johansen stated that he didn't agree with all of the information provided in the study regarding the housing demand for rental or multi-family.

Commissioner Nguyen questioned the data sets in the report and wondered if the listed examples provided the best comparison.

The Commission discussed the issue of affordable housing and the community role in providing additional housing.

Planning Director Sherman summarized that the Commission would be working on ordinance language to define in code some or all of the implementation strategies that were recommended by the task force.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Planning Director Sherman asked if the Commission was interested in having a speaker come to the March meeting to discuss "green" design. Commissioner Jechorek belongs to the organization and recommended the panel for our group.

The commission indicated that the work session in March would be dedicated to the panel presentation.

Commissioner Holm reviewed three good news articles in the March City Business Journal.

B. Report on Council Actions

Planning Director Sherman informed the Commission of the actions of the February 23 Council meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Motion commissioner Johansen, Second Commissioner Conn to approve the Minutes from October 22, 2008 and January 28, 2009. All members present voted aye, Commissioners Nguyen and Lessard abstained because they weren't sworn members of the Commission and/or weren't at the meetings.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Chair Holm requested adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Sherman
Planning Director