

Brainerd Planning Commission Workshop
July 15, 2015

Chairman Hayden Shaw called the workshop of the Brainerd Planning Commission to order at 7:10 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room.

Present: Dave Pritschet, Dale Parks, Sarah Hayden Shaw, James Norwood, and Matt Straw.

Others Present: City Planner Mark Ostgarden

a. Semi-Tractor Trailer Parking in Residential Areas and Residential Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas

The Planning Commission discussed the semi-tractor trailer parking and received comments from residents in attendance. City Planner Ostgarden was asked about weight versus axels and how the residential streets would handle the weight.

The Commission agreed on the potential to allow trailer cabs and regulation on idling and directed City Planner Ostgarden to draft language to bring back to the August 19, 2015 meeting.

b. Downtown Building Signage

City Planner Ostgarden reviewed the current language on building and freestanding signs along with the history regarding banners. He noted information that was received from other cities regarding what they provide for signs.

Discussion was held regarding:

- Banner regulation
- Number of signs
- Signs for past businesses
- Enforcement of signs/banners
- Off-premise signs
- Signs in the right-of-way

Commission direct the City Planner to request information from the City Attorney regarding the Supreme Court decision and the City's ability to require removal of obsolete signs and signage on private property. City Planner Ostgarden stated he will also look into excessiveness of banners and signs installed illegally.

c. Off-Street Parking

Held over to the August 19, 2015 workshop.

d. Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Hayden Shaw stated she feels the Commission should be spending more time with the Comprehensive Plan and keeping it up to date and asked the Commission to spend some time reviewing the Plan and make note of updates and changes. She stated she would like to review this again next month at a workshop.

It was suggested to review one section at a time. Further discussion was held regarding in-house review and hiring a firm to review. City Planner Ostgarden noted staff is reviewing options for getting public input.

e. South 6th Street Zoning

City Planner Ostgarden gave a brief review of South 6th Street zoning and the changes that were made during the city wide zoning map changes noting a residential area that was rezoned to commercial. He stated he feels it was a mistake and stated we are not ready to have this much land zoned commercial in this area and it's creating too many non-conformities. He noted there is another request to rezone a parcel along South 6th Street back to residential.

Discussion was held regarding how to change the zoning including a mixed use type of zoning.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Ostgarden AICP
City Planner