

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Woman Fairbanks

2. **Roll Call:** Present were Dean Becker, Liz Fairbanks, Gail Genin, Deborah Humann, Dustin Hingos, Dustin Pavek, and Daniel White. Absent: None.

Others in attendance: Colette Baumgardner, Community Development Director; Beth Richmond, City Planner; and, Kevin Robinson, City Council.

3. **Adopt Agenda:** Motion by Pavek, second by Humann to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.
4. **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Genin, second by Pavek to approve the August 16, 2023 minutes. Motion carried 7-0.
5. **Public Comment:** None.

6. **Public Hearing:**

a. Minnetonka Game & Fish Club CUP Amendment and Ordinance Amendment
Richmond reviewed the staff packet and requested amendments from the Minnetonka Game & Fish Club.

Public Hearing opened at 7:10 p.m.

No one came forward to address the Commission.

Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Humann, second by White to recommend approval of the amendment to the existing Conditional Use Permit for the Minnetonka Game and Fish Club of St. Francis with conditions and findings of fact as presented by Staff. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Humann, second by Hingos to recommend approval of the ordinance amendment allowing additional accessory structures for gun club uses with conditions and findings of fact as recommended by Staff. Motion passed 7-0.

7. **Regular Business Items** – None
8. **Planning Commission Discussion**

Councilmember Robinson asked for an update on Vista Prairie.

Baumgardner shared that Vista Prairie had reached out to the City with exciting news that they now have all of their financing and the construction should be moving forward. She added that Staff put together an agreement and the developer got all of their permits approved. She stated that when she spoke with them again a few weeks ago, they stated that their financing has still not come together. She noted that it is currently a very hard market for financing development. She explained that Vista Prairie is still very dedicated to this project and they did purchase the land and have permits approved; however, they are still working to secure all of their financing. She added that the permits are good for 180 days from the date that it is approved and can be extended if the Building Official so chooses. She noted that the State did update some aspects of the commercial building code during their most recent discussion that will go into effect January 1, 2024, which could have an effect on this project permit.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion by Hingos, second by Humann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Website Link to Packets and Minutes for the Planning Commission:

<https://www.stfrancismn.org/meetings>

Recorded by: Colette Baumgardner

DATE APPROVED: 12/20/2023