

## REGULAR NORWALK PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING 11-09-2020

### Call to order

The regular meeting of the Norwalk Planning and Zoning Commission was held electronically due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) State of Emergency WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 372.14(2) and the Norwalk City Code Chapter 15.02(2) grant the Mayor powers in emergency circumstances when public danger exists to take extraordinary steps to protect the public health and safety; therefore, all in attendance met via google hangout, Monday, November 9, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chairperson Judy McConnell. Those present at roll call were, AJ Samuelson, Elizabeth Thompson, Megan Regennitter, and John Fraser. Absent: Donna Grant

**Staff present included:** Elliot Klimowski, City Planner, Luke Parris, Community Development Director and Hillarie Ramthun, Community Development Coordinator.

### Approval of Agenda – 20-100

Fraser made a motion to approve the Agenda and Regennitter seconded. Approved 6-0

### Approval of the October 26, 2020 Minutes – 20-101

Thompson motioned to approve the October 26, 2020 Minutes and Fraser seconded. Approved 6-0

### Welcome of Guests

There were no guests present by computer and phone; therefore, the business portion of the meeting was opened.

### Discussion and feedback on potential New Urbanism styled designs in Norwalk

*(Donna Grant arrived at 5:53 p.m.)*

Approximately one year ago, City Staff organized a trip for Council & P&Z Commission members to tour the Peninsula District in Iowa City. This District displays a unique style of development with a mix of various densities including both residential and commercial components. The Peninsula District is an example of Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) which is a type of New Urbanism. Council members have inquired about revisiting the idea of this style of development in Norwalk and would like a discussion and recommendation from Planning and Zoning to pursue and promote such a project. Discussion amongst the Commissioners resulted in unanimous frustrations that efforts to review and make recommendations to Council are not being heard, therefore, time and energy wasted. Commissioners are in agreement with Staff to take steps necessary to promote New Urbanism styles of development in the City of Norwalk.

### Next meeting Date –November 23, 2020

### Adjournment – 20-102

Motion by Fraser and seconded by Grant to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Approved 7-0

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Judy McConnell, Chairperson

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Elliot Klimowski, City Planner

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