

**City of West St. Paul
Economic Development Authority Work Session Minutes
August 31, 2020**

1. Call to Order

President Napier called the meeting to order at 8:44 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: President Dave Napier
Commissioners Wendy Berry, Lisa Eng-Sarne,
Anthony Fernandez, John Justen, Bob Pace and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Ryan Schroeder
City Attorney Kori Land
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Community Development & Executive Director Jim Hartshorn
City Clerk/EDA Secretary Shirley Buecksler

Motion was made by Commissioner Vitelli and seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the agenda, as presented.

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

3. Agenda Items

A. Property Line Adjustment Review for 1019 Smith Avenue and 1010 Dodd Road

Community Development Director Hartshorn said that Mr. Buttgerit is requesting the review of a proposed property line adjustment to bring an existing fence onto his property rather than the adjacent property to the north 1010 Dodd Road, which is owned by the West St. Paul Economic Development Authority (EDA). The proposed adjustment is to move the existing property line 10 feet north of where it is currently located.

The existing lot contains a single family home and a detached garage. The proposed property line adjustment will bring an existing fence and retaining wall legally back to the 1019 Smith Avenue property.

Comments:

- Commissioner Justen said he is not in favor of selling and prefers the encroachment concept.
- Commissioner Vitelli suggested selling it to him for \$3,000.

- Commissioner Berry asked if the encroachment agreement would go with the property? Attorney Land said yes, it goes with the land.
- Commissioner Fernandez said he doesn't realistically see a big development there. We would still have right-of-way. Can we give them an easement with specific terms? Attorney Land said an encroachment agreement would be less complicated.
- City Manager Schroeder said the fence is about 6 feet over. Commissioner Fernandez said there was no permit and that the previous owner put it up.
- Commissioner Justen said the Planning Commission has constant discussion regarding intersection realignment. For the parking lot idea, he believes the Planning Commission found there can only be seven stalls.
- President Napier likes the encroachment agreement. He thinks we may need the 10 feet down the road.
- Commissioner Berry asked if the property owner has thoughts on the picnic land next to him? Hartshorn said he hasn't spoken with him about it.
- Commissioner Vitelli said that 10 feet isn't going to mean much to MnDOT. He said to sell it and be done with it.
- Commissioner Pace suggested following the City Attorney's guidelines.
- Commissioner Eng-Sarne said she will talk to the Applicant as their Ward 3 representative.

4. Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Fernandez and seconded by Commissioner Justen to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

David J. Napier
President
City of West St. Paul