

WEST ST. PAUL PLANNING COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the West St. Paul Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Kavanaugh on Thursday, December 17, 2019 at 7:37 pm in the Municipal Center Council Chambers, 1616 Humboldt Avenue, West St. Paul, Minnesota 55118.

ROLL CALL: Morgan Kavanaugh, Samantha Green, Peter Strohmeier, Dan McPhillips, Lisa Stevens, Maria Franzmeier

Also Present: Melissa Sonnek, Community Development Coordinator; Ben Boike, Assistant Community Development Director/City Planner; Kori Land, City Attorney; John Justen, Council Liaison

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PC Case 19-15-Conditional Use Permit, Site Plan and Preliminary Plat review for the Construction of a New Medical Office building at 1140 Robert St.- Dan Saad

Kavanaugh said that the recommendation was to deny the item if the variance was denied. Since the item was continued, it is Kavanaugh's assumption that the item should be continued into January's meeting. City Planner Boike concurred.

A motion to continue the item was made. The motion carried. All Ayes

NEW BUSINESS-NA

OLD BUSINESS- NA

OTHER

Kavanaugh announced that Ben Boike is leaving the City of West St. Paul to start his new position as Community Development Director in Cottage Grove. It is exciting professional news, and Kavanaugh is sad to see Ben go. Community Development Coordinator Sonnek said that Ben will be sorely missed, and West St. Paul is losing a great employee. She related that presenters would thank Ben for his thorough and accurate representation of their projects. Ben's demeanor makes it easy for citizens and developers alike. He is a quality planner, great mentor and teacher. There was no better person to show her the world outside a college textbook. Not only is the City losing a great planner and a great boss, but also a great friend.

Kavanaugh said that the commission is in great hands with Melissa. Cottage Grove is extremely lucky to get Ben. Commissioner McPhillips said goodbye to Ben and said that Ben has changed his mind about civil servants. He said he will miss Ben.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McPhillips. All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Sharon G. Hatfield**