

**MEETING MINUTES
WEST ST. PAUL PLANNING COMMISSION**

The regular meeting of the West St. Paul Planning Commission was called to order by Community Development Director Ben Boike on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center Council Chambers, 1616 Humboldt Avenue, West St. Paul, Minnesota 55118.

Roll Call: Commissioners: Alex Dahlquist, Liz Gillen, Lance LaRue, Dan McPhillips, Kyle Hoff
Absent: Maria Franzmeier (e), Tim Haubrich (e), Lisa Stevens

Also present: Community Development Director, Ben Boike; City Planner, Melissa Houtsma; City Council Liaison, Julie Eastman

New Business:

Election of Officers

Director Boike stated that since the commission does not have a current chair and vice chair is absent from the meeting, the commission could hold elections either for just the meeting tonight or for the full term.

With so many members absent for the current meeting, the commissioners decided to delay the vote to the next meeting and Lance LaRue volunteered to chair the meeting as interim chair.

Adopt Minutes: The minutes from the February 21st, 2022 regular Planning Commission meeting were approved as written.

Public Hearings:

PC Case 23-05 – Conditional Use Permit Application to Allow a Veterinary Establishment in a B3 – General Business District at 1970 Robert Street South (Petco)

City Planner Houtsma introduced the item and summarized the staff report to the commission. Stephen Hartley, of SBLM Architects, came forward to speak on behalf of the applicant. There were no questions from the commission.

The public hearing was opened at 6:43 pm.

- Jay Brown from Southview Animal Hospital (2000 Robert Street South) came forward to speak.

With no further comments or questions from the public, the public hearing was closed at 6:49 pm.

A motion was made by Gillen to approve the application as recommended by City Staff.

The motion was seconded by McPhillips.

Votes: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

The motion carried.

Old Business: None

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

All ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon G. Hatfield
Recording Secretary