

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
February 19, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 9:33 a.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Lisa Bender, Lisa Goodman, Andrew Johnson, Barbara Johnson, and Kevin Reich

Members Absent: Council Member Abdi Warsame

Chair Bender called the meeting to order and called on staff to present the public hearing item re: the Minneapolis Board of Adjustment appointments.

1. Minneapolis Board of Adjustment Appointments ([15-00154](#)):

Confirming Council appointments of the following persons to the Minneapolis Board of Adjustment (BOA) for three-year terms running February 27, 2015-December 31, 2017:

- a) Anja Drescher appointment, Ward 2
- b) Matt Perry re-appointment, Ward 13
- c) Jacob Saufley re-appointment, Ward 10

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:34 a.m. and the following persons spoke:

- a) Anja Drescher

With no further persons wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 9:36 a.m.

Chair Bender moved the appointments approved, it was seconded, the motion carried on voice vote.

The Consent agenda was reviewed by Chair Bender.

2. Street Vacations (Vac-1619 and Vac-1622) ([15-00201](#)):

Approving applications submitted by Steve Maki, Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority, to vacate the following portions of 4th St S and 5th St S as they relate to the construction of the new stadium located at 401 Chicago Ave:

- a) Vac-1619, vacating the portion of 5th St S lying northeasterly of 6th St S and lying between Chicago Ave and 11th Ave S, subject to the retention of easements by CenterPoint Energy, MCI Communications Services Inc., Comcast, County of Hennepin, Xcel Energy, and CenturyLink.
- b) Vac-1622, vacating portions of 4th St S adjoining the East side of the Metrodome parcel, subject to the retention of easements by MCI Communications Services Inc.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the Vacations were approved.

3. Bonicelli, 1901 Fillmore St NE ([15-00202](#)):

Approving application submitted by Laura Bonicelli for a rezoning from the R2B zoning district to the C1 zoning district for the property located at 1901 Fillmore St NE, to allow for the opening of a restaurant on the ground floor of a mixed-use building.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the rezoning was approved.

4. Carma Coffee Shop & Offices, 514 Lowry Ave NE ([15-00203](#)):

Approving application submitted by Liz Jaap for a rezoning from the R2B zoning district to the C1 zoning district for the property located at 514 Lowry Ave NE, to allow for the opening of a coffee shop and office space in an existing building.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the rezoning was approved.

5. Residential Infill ([15-00122](#)):

Referring to staff the following ordinances amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, amending provisions to reflect modifications to residential infill zoning text:

- a) Chapter 546 relating to Residence Districts
- b) Chapter 547 relating to Office Residence Districts

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the ordinance was referred to staff.

Chair Bender then introduced the first item for Discussion and called on staff Hilary Dvorak to present.

6. Downtown East Commons/Urban Park Project, 415 5th St S and 500 5th St S ([15-00204](#)):

Denying petition filed by Jerald Bahls requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Downtown East Commons/Urban Park Project on the properties located at 415 5th St S and 500 5th St S, and adopting the proposed Findings of Fact and Record of Decision.

On motion by Council President B. Johnson, approved on voice vote, the petition was denied and the Findings were adopted as written.

Chair Bender introduced the final item on the agenda, the L&H Station Project EAW, and called on staff Becca Farrar to present.

7. L&H Station Project, 2225 E Lake St ([15-00205](#)):

Approving staff recommendation that the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and Findings of Fact prepared for the L&H Station located at 2225 E Lake St are adequate, and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

On motion by A. Johnson, approved on voice vote, The EAW and Findings of Fact were found adequate and the preparation of an EIS found to not be required.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Reported by Diana Armstrong, Council Committee Coordinator