



HOUSING AND LAND USE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 | 6:30pm

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Please note: this meeting is being held remotely online via Zoom

Attendance: Regina Purins, Art Punyko (Secretary), Dave Pasiuk, Jack Fei, Tom Dietsche, Gene Johnson, Mike Moore (Chair), Catherine Plessner, Marc Manderscheid, Patty Hartmann, Cindy Radtke, Zak Yudhishtu, Kathryn McGuire, Nora Ptacek, Zuza Pakula, Colin Fesser, Dawn Huffman, Gary Huffman, Heather Huffman, Alexa Golemo (Staff)

Guests: Tor Olsson, Paul Wickman, Deb Burns, Sohyeon Yun

MINUTES

- 6:30 I. Welcome & Introductions
- 6:40 II. Addition/Deletion of agenda items
- 6:43 III. Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minute
- 6:45 IV. Draft motion to revise MGCC recommendation process, *Discussion and potential recommendation to Board*

Draft Motion to revise how MGCC makes recommendations to the city on zoning variances, conditional use permits, changes to city ordinances, and other matters (Author: Tom Dietsche)

Whereas,

(a) MGCC is sometimes unable to discuss a certain city matter at a regularly scheduled committee or board meeting, due to a short response deadline by the city, and

(b) after consideration by the officers, Executive Director and board or committee chair, they may decide not to hold a special meeting to discuss that matter, and

(c) MGCC always desires to make a recommendation to the city in some manner on matters it deems important.

Therefore, MGCC's policies and procedures for making recommendations to the city on such matters shall be as follows:

1. If there is time, the appropriate MGCC committee (such as HLU) may choose to discuss the matter at a regular or special meeting, and may pass a motion that either goes to the board if there is time, otherwise directly to the city.

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2. If the board gets such a motion, or drafts one itself when there wasn't time for a committee meeting, the board may pass a motion that goes to the city.
3. If there isn't time for discussion at a regularly scheduled committee or board meeting, and if neither body wishes to hold a special meeting, the Exec. Committee may discuss the matter and may pass a motion that goes to the city on behalf of MGCC, provided there is unanimous approval by both the Executive Committee and the Executive Director. In such case, the recommendation shall include this note:

"This recommendation was approved solely by MGCC's officers. MGCC did not get enough advance notice to discuss it at a public board or committee meeting. This note must be included with our recommendation to the city."

- Could we have the public or MGCC committee members join Exec Meeting to discuss a variance, zoning change, institutional CUP, etc.? Normally Exec Comm meetings are not open (public) meetings if they deal with HR and personnel issues. However, they are considered public meetings and we could have public input.
- Exec Comm. Would only have 4 Board Officers as per normal and it would not allow other board members to vote.
- Some HLU members were concerned about the delegation to the Executive Committee. HLU and Board meetings have sufficient notice and organizes the presenters.
- HLU comm member commented that there were at least 2 instances where HLU did not have time to make informed decisions
- Cindy R: Friendly Amendment
 - Remove Exec Director as a voting member on the Executive Committee.
 - Tom accepts the friendly amendment.
- The group came up with 3 alternative version of Tom's proposal—Kathy McGuire, Tom's Original, Tom's amended proposal.
- Mike recommended that this topic get moved to the March meeting.

7:45 V. City of St. Paul Variance Findings, *Discussion*

- *Sec. 61.601. – Variances*
- Tom mentioned that MGCC hasn't strictly gone through each of the 6 points listed in the Sec. 61.601. - Variances. The board of zoning appeals and the planning commission shall have the power to grant variances from the strict enforcement of the provisions of this code upon a finding.
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- Several committee members like having the guidelines for variance proposals. Some comments that the MGCC HLU does not have to follow these guidelines and we may apply them unevenly throughout the year.

8:15 VI. Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Art Punyko

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