



MINUTES
PLAN COMMISSION
City Hall Forum - 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ramsden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners Ramsden, Abarca, Jacobsen, Janke, Anderson, Elliott, and Councilor Day were present. Commissioner Flesch was absent.

2. MINUTES

2.a. Consideration of the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Plan Commission meeting

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Abarca. Motion prevailed, voice vote (6-0).

3. REPORTS

3.a. Consideration of Resolution 2024-004 approving a two-lot Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map for the property located on the 1900-2000 block of Walters Road in the Town of Beloit

Julie Christensen, Community Development Director, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Commissioner Janke moved to approve Resolution 2024-004, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion prevailed, voice vote (6-0).

3.b. Consideration of Resolution 2024-005 recommending approval/denial of an amendment to the City of Beloit Comprehensive Plan for the property located at 2149 St. Lawrence Avenue

Julie Christensen, Community Development Director, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Chairperson Ramsden opened and closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Janke moved to approve Resolution 2024-005, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion prevailed, voice vote (6-0).

3.c. Consideration of Resolution 2024-007 supporting and recommending approval of renaming Summit Park to "Regina Dunkin Park"

Julie Christensen, Community Development Director, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Chairperson Ramsden asked if it would be a possibility for Plan Commission to lay the item over until after April. Ms. Christensen said it is on the agenda for action, and the only reason to lay it over an item is if the Commission needs additional information or wants the applicant to modify the application.

Commissioner Jacobsen said she read the guidelines for naming parks, and the information would fall into the guidelines of 3d (outstanding time and effort) for the community. She said she is uncomfortable with moving the item so quickly. Most of community parks have been named after previous descendants of the city. Commissioner Jacobsen said even with the guidelines, she is not sure why Plan Commission is taking action on renaming the park.

Commissioner Elliott thinks that Plan Commission can act on this item now, and does not see a need to lay the item over. Commissioner Abarca said he agrees with Commissioner Elliott and it does not seem like this is that big of a deal.

Commissioner Janke wanted to know a little about how the park got named Summit Park. Ms. Christensen explained that she looked into the history of the name itself and looked at the plats of the neighborhood, and she didn't find any reference to a person named Summit. It appears that the Summit name was based on the street name "Summit" which existed in the early 1900s. Commissioner Anderson said that he supports the name change to "Regina Dunkin Park", but thinks the timing is problematic.

Chairperson Ramsden opened the item for public comment.

Reverend Normalee Gallimore, Wesley CME, representing her church, indicated that she hoped that the Plan Commission would move forward in renaming the park. Ms. Gallimore said that renaming the park after her would give an incentive to the community; if you work hard, and do good work as a citizen then, it could be rewarded.

Chairperson Ramsden closed the public comment period.

Commissioner Abarca moved to approve with no delays to renaming Summit Park to "Regina Dunkin Park", seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion prevailed, roll call vote (4-1-1). Commissioner Anderson voted no, and Commissioner Jacobsen abstained from voting.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4.a. **Consideration of an amendment to a Planned Unit Development Master Land Use Plan to allow food trucks for the property located at 1534 Shore Drive**

Julie Christensen, Community Development Director, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Chairperson Ramsden opened the public hearing.

Ellen Wiegand, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels, said that they are partnering for a taco Tuesday event, and the food truck will be parked on east of the parking lot. They will have a volunteer pick-up area. There will be donation jar for Meals on Wheels with tables and chairs for people to enjoy at lunch. This will be a weeklong volunteer event, and last year had a great turnout of volunteers. Ms. Wiegand said that it would be a cost savings for this event, and to put money into the food truck business as well.

Chairperson Ramsden closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Abarca moved to approve the amendment to the PUD Master Land Use Plan, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion prevailed, voice vote (6-0).

4.b. **Consideration of Ordinance No 3829 amending the Zoning District Map of the City of Beloit for the property located at 2149 St Lawrence Avenue**

Julie Christensen, Community Development Director, presented the staff report and recommendation.

Chairperson Ramsden opened and closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Janke moved to approve Ordinance No. 3829, seconded by Commissioner Jacobsen. Motion prevailed, voice vote (6-0).

5. **STATUS REPORT ON PRIOR PLAN COMMISSION ITEMS**

There was no report.

6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Julie Christensen outlined the future agenda items. She notified the Commission that the next meeting will be scheduled on March 20, 2024.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Janke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Abarca at 7:43PM. Motion carried, voice vote (6-0).



Mike Ramsden, Chairperson