

**PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 9, 2008**

The meeting of the Maple Lake Planning Commission was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Grant in the Council Chambers of the City of Maple Lake.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bell, Rivers, Grant, Borell, and Northenscold.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Rhonda Pagel and Deputy Clerk Lee Ann Yager.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Colbenson and Beth Blizil.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made/seconded/passed, (m/s/p), Borell/Bell, to approve the June 11, 2008 Planning Commission minutes.

Jeff Colbenson 90 Rose Avenue South, PID #110-017-004100

The regular meeting closed and the public hearing opened at 7:03 p.m. Jeffrey Colbenson presented his request to expand his home by adding an 8 foot porch on the front of their home and increase the height of the structure by 4 feet, to 22 feet at the peak. This addition would be 2.7 feet from the south property line. The home was built 1 foot on to Lot 11, and a minor subdivision was done November 8, 1995 to add 3 feet to their property from Lot 11. Mr. Colbenson had provided staff with the recorded document requested by the Planning Commission showing the acquired 3 feet. The home is a legal non-conforming use, and a variance is needed because increasing the size of the structure would add to the non-conforming use. No one from the public was in attendance and the public hearing closed and the regular meeting opened at 7:09 p.m. A motion was m/s/p, Grant/Borell, to recommend to the City Council to allow the applicant a variance to increase the height of the structure by 4 feet, and build a porch 2 feet 5 inches feet from the south property line as submitted on the application.

Continuation of Sign Ordinance Revision.

A draft ordinance was reviewed and discussed. Language and definitions, and prohibited signs will be the focus for the next review.

Other Business

A discussion was held on the elevator site and if the Council should put together a committee to research ideas for the site.

The Commission also discussed the efforts the city will be using to appropriately develop the site, and soliciting businesses and a marketing campaign. Also discussed was the role of John Meyer in soliciting businesses and if it is meeting our needs, and a possible job description for Meyer.

For the next agenda, the members we will compile a list of recommendations for the Council to review.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Borell/Bell, to adjourn at 9:52 p.m.

Attest,

Deputy City Clerk