PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, May 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Dingle

Members present: Dan Dingle, Doug Pierro, Patrick Downs
Member Absent: Sharon Whitmore Jeff Fischer,
Also present: Council Liaison Sandi Dingle

Pledge of Allegiance said by all.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Dingle second by Downs to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Commission Actions:

REVIEW REQUEST

A. Tim Jones, 831 3rd St, St Paul Park MN 55071 – Request for variance to allow for an addition onto an existing garage.

Consulting Planner Sparks informed the Commission that the proposed garage variance will allow for an addition to an existing detached garage. The applicant is proposing a 36’x 32’ garage addition, which is 1,152 square feet. This will be a total of 1,728 square feet. The height of the garage will be the same as the existing garage, which is 24’. The addition will be attached to the existing house and create an additional 192 square feet to the house. The garage appears to meet all the setback requirements.

Chair Dingle requested a drawing of the elevation of the proposed garage and house be brought in for the Public Hearing. Jones agreed to deliver this before the June 10 meeting.

Motion by Downs, second by Pierro to recommend Council set Public Hearing dates for the Jones variance request to allow the garage addition on June 10 for the Planning Commission and June 17 for the City Council. Motion carried 3-0.

B. St. Paul Park Refining Company, 301 St Paul Park Road, St Paul Park MN 55071 - CUP Amendment to allow for a new treatment structure that filters gas prior to the existing flares.

Consulting Planner Sparks explained the refinery is seeking approval to a gas treatment structure that will filter the gas prior to venting at the flare. This device is structured and intended to improve the operation of the facility. The structure is similar in nature to what is in the surrounding area. The proposed installation of this structure should not increase any traffic to the site or create any additional impacts to the neighboring properties.

Downs had several concerns in regards how the structure will perform as far as the noise level and heat. Project Manager for the refinery, Mark Videtich, advised the Commission that this structure will be connected with the current and future structures. The belief is that filtering the gas before the venting flares is a more effective and efficient way for the gases to escape.

Motion by Pierro, second by Downs to recommend Council set Public Hearing dates for the St Paul Park Refining Company CUP request for a new structure that filters gas prior to the venting flares on June 10 for the Planning Commission and June 17 for the City Council. Motion carried 3-0.
NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought up by commission members.

Staff Reports: None

Unfinished Business: None

Meeting adjourned 7:22 p.m.