

**CHASKA PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2011**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Young called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Members present: Commissioners Huang, Keyport, Broback, Hewitt, Ashley, Miller, Hughes, and Chairperson Young.

Members absent: Commissioner Personius.

Also present: Kevin Ringwald, Director of Planning and Development; and Melissa Duchinsky, City Planner.

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Huang, second by Commissioner Keyport to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

No one appeared under Visitor Presentation.

5. Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Ashley, second by Commissioner Huang to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 Planning Commission meeting.

Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Keyport, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Receive the minutes of the February 28, 2011 City Council meeting

Motion carried.

7. Public Hearing: Adopt Ordinance No. 847 Amending Section 9.15 (Radio/TV Towers and Antennas) of the Zoning Ordinance

The City Planner presented the item to the Commission.

Commissioner Huang questioned what type of inquiries the City has had to lead to this proposal.

City Planner Duchinsky responded that the amount of space for new antennas on existing structures is being diminished and with that the City is getting more inquiries about its ordinance.

Commissioner Huang inquired about the inclusion of television and radio antennas.

City Planner Duchinsky responded that from a land use perspective communications towers (cell towers, TV towers, and radio towers) generally are all regulated together. However, the city receives most, if not all, of its inquiries related to space for cell antennas.

Commissioner Miller asked about the visual and clutter impacts of antennas and asked if there was a way to place a fee on this clutter.

City Planner Duchinsky responded that as staff did its research for the issue, that none of the cities studied included a visual clutter fee.

Commissioner Broback questioned if special events like the PGA would be negatively affected by this ordinance.

City Planner Duchinsky stated that they would not.

Commissioner Hughes asked about towers that were abandoned.

City Planner Duchinsky stated that staff did include language in the ordinance that dealt with abandoned towers.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:40 pm.

John Carlson of 535 Concord, Chaska appeared before the Commission and stated his support for the change as it positively impacts non-commercial antennae's in residential areas.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 pm.

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Huang to recommend approval of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment that would change section 9.15 of the Zoning Ordinance to read as attached in Ordinance No. 847.

Motion carried.

8. Other Business

Commissioner Huang:

- ✓ Commented that the Downtown Master Planning process is coming to an end.

Commissioner Miller:

- ✓ Inquired about the ownership of the trail on the western edge of the high school north of Highway 212 by the holding pond and suggested that the remnants of old towers and lighting should be removed.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Ashley to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Motion carried.