

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA  
Wednesday, September 20, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Member Vick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Randi Vick, Gary Klug and Robert Standish (7:40 p.m.). Members absent: Michael J. Morey and Paul Fisch. Consultants and City staff present: Shannon Sweeney and Robert L. Nelson. Visitors present: Ann Thompson.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mr. Sweeney, David Drown Associates, announced the Agenda for the evening would be to cover three issues, future land use, a public information meeting and the municipal heritage preservation act, M.S. 471.193.

A. FUTURE LAND USE: Mr. Sweeney, commenting that commercial and industrial land uses had been discussed at the past meeting focusing on areas adjacent to STH 44/76, inquired about the condition of the downtown business district. He questioned whether the downtown district was to large or two small which would be indicated by commercial uses moving into homes, previously used as residential units or previously used commercial buildings being modified to be utilized as residences. While discussion indicated there was a very minor amount of that type of activity, it was not perceived to be a problem. The general consensus among attendees was that the downtown business district was being adequately handled through zoning and did not required specific attention in the Comprehensive Plan.

B. MUNICIPAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION: Discussing Minnesota Statute 471.193, Municipal Heritage Preservation, Mr. Sweeney informed the attendees there are three general causes for declaring a condition of historical value, being architecture, use or ownership. Historical designation may be made to one building or a cluster of buildings or a downtown district enclosing one or more city blocks. He indicated while achieving a plan for historical preservation is certainty possible, it takes a great deal of effort. Preliminary activities include a survey of information about those buildings intended to be placed on the historical list, documenting their original design and features, ownership, uses, and the like. Criteria for alterations to the building must be supported by an ordinance which may be so detailed that even the colors of paint used on building exteriors is prescribed. Mr. Sweeney recommended a large support group if a historic preservation plan is instituted. Mr. Sweeney said he would forward a sample ordinance to the City for review and discussion at the next Comprehensive Plan Meeting.

C. COMMUNITY INFORMATION / PARTICIPATION MEETING: Mr. Sweeney reported that the next meeting would be partially devoted to review of a draft comprehensive plan, containing all information discussed at past meetings. Any necessary changes to that draft would be made in time for presentation at a community information public meeting which he would hope to conduct in the next 4-6 weeks. Following discussion, the next comprehensive plan meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 12 and the public information meeting was scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 30, to be held on the gymnasium floor of the City Auditorium to assure sufficient seating capacity. Mr. Sweeney will send a press release sample to the City and the event will be advertised on the local T.V. channel and newspaper as well as having notice of the meeting posted in public places.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Klug and seconded by Member Vick. All members present voted in favor, the motion was declared carried and the meeting then adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Michael J. Morey, Mayor

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Robert L. Nelson  
City Clerk - Administrator