

City of Chisholm Planning Commission
Monday, March 5, 2012
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Jonathan Spector called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:34 PM.
2. **Roll Call** – Present at roll call: Council Rep. Steve Cook, and PC Reps. Tom Tahija, Jonathan Spector, Greg Skalko, Mike Yonkovich. Absent: None.

Others Present: Building / Zoning Official Steve Erickson & Scott Danielson.
3. **Public Participation**- Scott Danielson
4. **Adopt the Agenda** – A motion is made by Greg Skalko to approve the agenda. A second to the motion is made by Mike Yonkovich. Yes votes – by all. Motion carried.
5. **Approve the Minutes** –A motion is made to approve the Reorganizational Meeting minutes from February 6, 2012 by Steve Cook, with a second by Greg Skalko. Yes votes – All. Motion carried. A motion is made to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from February 6, 2012 by Steve Cook, with a second by Mike Yonkovich. Yes votes – All. Motion carried.
6. **Correspondence/Consent Agenda** – Presented to the Planning Commission for review is a handout by the League of Minnesota Cities. The handout discusses how a city is greatly limited with its variance approval and authority. The article is regarding a Supreme Court ruling last year. Minnesota Statutes, section 462.357 subdivision 6, listing 3 tests that must be met, for a variance to be appropriate due to an undue hardship. In its decision, the court held that the reasonable use of the undue hardship is not whether the proposed use of the property is reasonable, but whether any reasonable use of the property exists in the absence of a variance. This means that in the vast majority of cases, cities do not have the authority to grant a variance to local zoning regulations.
7. **Old Business**
 1. Discussion and Update Only, "The ordinances and updates have been sent to codifiers to update the city rules".
 2. The lot request by Scott Danielson is discussed. A motion is made to table the request and get further direction from the city attorney, made by Tom Tahija, with a second by Mike Yonkovich. Yes votes – All. Motion carried.
8. **New Business**
 1. Demolition Planning, "This topic is being discussed and ongoing, informational at this time."
 2. The City Web site is discussed, and no additions are made at this time.
 3. Housing revitalization is discussed and programs are to be looked into and applied for.
9. **Commissioner's Reports/Other Reports** - None
10. **Next Meeting** –Motion to set the next meeting date for April 2nd 2012 at 5:30 PM is made by Tom Tahija, with a second by Mike Yonkovich. Yes votes – All. Motion passed
11. **Adjourn Meeting** – Motion to adjourn the meeting of March 5, 2012 is made by Tom Tahija, second by Greg Skalko at 6:31 P.M. Yes votes – All. Motion passed


Chairperson, Jonathan Spector


Secretary: Steve Cook Typed by: SDE