

**PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SUPERIOR
Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

The Plan Commission Meeting for the City of Superior was called to order by Mayor Paine at 4:00 p.m. in Board Room 201.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Jim Paine, Tylor Elm, Lindsey Graskey, Dennis Dalbec, Brent Fennessey, Brian Finstad, Anne Porter, Dave Strum

Members excused:

Staff present: Jason Serck, Allison Johnson, Rebecca Scherf

Others present: Councilor Van Sickle, Tom Belanger, Shelley Nelson, Nick Korhonen and Amy Lund

There being a quorum present, the meeting was in order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Commissioner Dalbec, seconded by Elm, and carried to unanimously approve the minutes of February 16, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Administrative request to vacate a portion of 33rd Avenue East near the St. Francis Cemetery. VAC 22-01

Mayor Paine explained that this is the first step in a much larger process to establish and transfer native burial land back to the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The next step would be a Certified Survey Map approval and then the land transfers prepared. This would ultimately prepare the land for transfer to a Federal Trust. Councilor Van Sickle added that three sites in total will be a part of the transfer, the other two sites being located on Wisconsin Point.

MOTION by Commissioner Dalbec, seconded by Elm, and carried to unanimously approve the Administrative request to vacate a portion of 33rd Avenue East.

2. Review and approval of six (6) Vacant to Value: New Construction applications received for the following properties:
 - A. **4XX Cumming Avenue** (V2VNC 22-03)
 - B. **1017 Fisher Avenue** (V2VNC 22-04)
 - C. **2640 John Avenue** (V2VNC 22-05)
 - D. **16XX Iowa Avenue** (V2VNC 22-06)
 - E. **2920 North 21st Street** (V2VNC 22-07)
 - F. **18XX East 5th Street** (V2VNC 22-08)

Economic Development, Planning & Port Director Serck explained that Mr. Belanger has applied to take the remaining 6 parcels we have available in the program. He has experience

working in Superior and in currently building several other homes in town. He has a crew and an efficient system set up to work on multiple homes at once and see them to completion in a timely manner. Serck has no concerns that Mr. Belanger will not be able to meet the program's timeline requirements.

Mr. Belanger spoke to commissioners and explained he is from Superior and would like to build homes that can be as affordable as possible for today's market. He's able to do this by building the same style of home on all 6 parcels so he can order the materials in bulk. The homes were designed to fit into the current neighborhood appeal with a craftsman style emphasis.

MOTION by Commissioner Fennessey, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to unanimously approve all 6 Vacant to Value: New Construction applications.

3. Review, approval, and assigned grant amount for the following Small Business Grant Program 1st Quarter applications:

- a) Julie's Family Restaurant, requesting \$10,776 (SBGP 22-01)
- b) Blondie's Salon, requesting \$638 (SBGP 22-02)
- c) Nick Korhonen Agency, requesting \$15,000 (SBGP 22-03)

Commissioner Fennessey asked staff if all grant applicants met the requirements of the program and was assured that each one was reviewed and is eligible for the grants and amounts they applied for.

MOTION by Commissioner Dalbec, seconded by Elm, and carried to unanimously approve all 3 grant applications and award the amount they requested.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Allison Johnson
Planning Technician
City of Superior

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