

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL
August 13, 2015

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 9:30 a.m. on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Lisa Bender (Chair), Andrew Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Kevin Reich, Abdi Warsame

Members Absent: Council Member Goodman

Chair Bender introduced the first public hearing item on the agenda, announcing the appellant's desire to withdraw their appeal.

1. Certificate of Appropriateness appeal: Paul and Jennifer Oxborough, 414 3rd Ave N ([15-00990](#))

Considering an appeal submitted by Paul and Jennifer Oxborough of the decision of the Heritage Preservation Commission approving with conditions a Certificate of Appropriateness (BZH-28733) for the rehabilitation of the existing building and conversion into one dwelling unit, artist studios, and commercial space for the property located at 414 3rd Ave N. The appeal is against condition of approval #1 requiring that the remaining original windows on the front façade be retained and repaired, rather than replaced.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the appeal was withdrawn and the item removed from the agenda.

Chair Bender introduced the second public hearing item on the agenda and called on Samuel Rockwell to introduce himself to the Council Members.

2. City Planning Commission Mayoral appointment ([15-01000](#))

Confirming the Mayoral appointment of Samuel A. Rockwell to the City Planning Commission, Seat 6, Ward 8, for a two-year term beginning February 1, 2015, and ending January 31, 2017.

Mr. Rockwell addressed the Committee, shared a bit of his background, and outlined the vision he has in his role with the City Planning Commission.

Seeing no further persons wishing to speak, the public hearing closed.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the appointment was approved.

Items 3, 4, and 5 were introduced by Chair Bender as the Consent agenda, and the following actions were taken:

3. Rezoning: Bell Manufacturing, 3400 Technology Drive ([15-00991](#))

- a. Approving an application submitted by Bell Manufacturing to rezone (BZZ-7257) the property located at 3400 Technology Drive from the I1 Light Industrial District to the I2 Medium Industrial District, to allow a metal furniture production use in an existing building.
- b. Passage of Ordinance amending Title 20, Chapter 521 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Zoning Districts and Maps Generally.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the rezoning was approved.

4. High density district single- and two-family homes ordinances ([15-00992](#))

Passage of Ordinances amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, amending regulations relating to conversions of existing buildings in high density zoning districts.

- a. Chapter 546 relating to Residence Districts.
- b. Chapter 547 relating to Office Residence Districts.

Returning Chapters 531, 548, and 549 to author.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the ordinances were approved.

5. Local historic district designation: Golden Valley Road Apartments Historic District ([15-00994](#))

Passage of Resolution approving the local historic district designation (BZH-28578) of the Golden Valley Road Apartments Historic District.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the designation was approved.

Chair Bender introduced the item for discussion and called on staff Alexandr Young to present.

6. Local historic district designation: Lowry Hill East Historic Residential District ([15-00993](#))

Passage of Resolution approving the local historic district designation (BZH-28544) of the Lowry Hill East Historic Residential District, subject to the following conditions.

- a. The Lowry Hill East Residential Historic District includes the 55 properties listed in the designation study.
- b. The designation includes the entire exterior of the buildings.

On motion by Bender, carried on voice vote, the designation was approved with an additional motion by Bender to amend the designation study as follows:

- a. Increase the period of significance from 1882-1913 to 1882-1920;
- b. Add "Prairie" and "Arts and Crafts" to the list of significant architectural styles; and
- c. Amend the roster of contributing resources to include properties that meet these characteristics.

Seeing no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Reported by Diana Armstrong, Council Committee Coordinator