

Minutes
of the
NORTH MANKATO PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
North Mankato, Minnesota
May 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the North Mankato Planning Commission was held at 7 p.m., May 14, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. City Administrator Harrenstein on March 31, 2020, under MN Statute Section 13D.021, declared the use of electronic meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following were present remotely through Zoom for roll call: Chair Stephanie Stoffel, Nick Meyer, Jason Beal, Jason Ceminsky and Randy King; Council Representative Sandra Oachs and City Attorney Chris Kennedy. Present in Council Chambers for roll call: Community Development Director Mike Fischer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beal, seconded by Commissioner Ceminsky, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2020, regular meeting of the North Mankato Planning Commission. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Review of Housing Study: Demographics

Staff recognized Matt Lassonde from Bolton & Menk to provide an update on the North Mankato Housing Study. Mr. Lassonde summarized the purpose of a housing study and indicated that the study will inform the housing chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Based on data obtained from reputable sources, the population of North Mankato grew 7% from 2010-2019; this equates to approximately 900 new residents. The median age is 38 years, which is older than the median age in 2010. Commissioner Meyer asked if the results of the Demographics study were surprising, to which Lassonde replied that the results were expected, but positive. When looking at the data for Nicollet and Blue Earth counties, North Mankato's new housing growth made up a large portion of the increase in housing for the two counties.

Mr. Lassonde indicated that at the June Planning Commission meeting, a Comprehensive Plan Update should include a discussion of Parks, Trails, and Loops. It may also contain a review of the Webster Avenue Redevelopment Plan.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Meyer, seconded by Commissioner King, to adjourn. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary