

Minutes
of the
NORTH MANKATO PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
North Mankato, Minnesota
July 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the North Mankato Planning Commission was held at 7 p.m., July 9, 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, Commissioners Nick Meyer, Jason Beal, Jason Ceminsky, Council Representative Sandra Oachs, City Attorney Chris Kennedy and Community Development Director Mike Fischer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Beal, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020, regular meeting of the North Mankato Planning Commission. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

Review Chapter 2 of Housing Study: Income and Housing

Staff recognized Matt Lassonde from Bolton & Menk to provide an update on the Housing Study. Based on data from reputable sources, the median income of North Mankato residents increased by 3.5% from 2013 to 2018. Sixty percent of North Mankato households earn upwards of \$50,000 per year. Lassonde explained the concept of housing burden as an individual or family spending greater than 30% of its income on housing-related expenses, then stated that while few homeowners reported being burdened by housing in North Mankato, 41% of renters reported a housing burden. The Planning Commission asked questions related to median income and housing burden.

Review Trail Loop Map

Lassonde provided a map of existing and proposed pedestrian trails in North Mankato. The purpose of the map is to attempt to identify convenient and accessible trail loops which can then be provided with signage, literature, bicycle repair stations, etc. in order to promote recreation and wellness for North Mankato residents. The map includes trails which currently exist, proposed trails, and areas where existing streets could be designated to make to accommodate walking and biking.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Beal, seconded by Commissioner Meyer, to adjourn. Vote on the motion: all ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary