

CITY OF YORK PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2020
5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

PRESENT Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, McDougall, Nickel, Heskett, and Runge

ABSENT Northrop and Riley

Others: Thiele, Dressel and Frei

Chairperson Stephens presided and advised that the Open Meetings Act is on the east wall of the Council Chambers.

MINUTES

McDougall moved and Ronne seconded that the Minutes of February 11, 2020 meeting be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, McDougall, Nickel, Heskett and Runge.
Nays: None. Absent & Not Voting: Northrop and Riley. Motion Carried.

ELECT CHAIRPERSON

Hitz nominated Kim Stephens as Chairperson. McDougall seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, McDougall, Nickel, Heskett and Runge.
Nays: None. Absent & Not Voting: Northrop and Riley. Motion Carried.

ELECT VICE CHAIRPERSON

Nickel nominated Craig Heskett as Vice Chairperson. Runge seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, McDougall, Nickel, Heskett and Runge.
Nays: None. Absent & Not Voting: Northrop and Riley. Motion Carried.

APPROVE PLAT

The Chairperson stated that this is the time and place set to consider a preliminary and final plat of Arby's Subdivision. This matter had been tabled at the February 11 meeting. She noted that the plat has been corrected to include the necessary access to Super 8. The City Administrator now advised that the plat meets the land subdivision regulations.

Ronne moved and Nickel seconded to recommend approval of the plat to the City Council.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, McDougall, Nickel, Heskett and Runge.
Nays: None. Absent & Not Voting: Northrop and Riley. Motion Carried.

RECOMMEND AMENDMENT REGARDING GROUP HOMES AND GROUP CARE HOMES

The City Attorney advised that it is the Planning Commission's role to consider code changes and make recommendations to the City Council. He advised that at the present time, there are no regulations for group homes and/or group care homes either by permitted use or special use permit. He presented various ordinances.

The following persons voiced objections to such homes being in the R-3 zone, particularly on East 9th Street, citing parking problems, children being exposed to this element, devaluation of property values: Jerad Sorgenfrei, John Ratliff, Nancy Davidson, and Christie Gray.

The City Attorney advised the Planning Commission that they are considering the ordinances only – not an application for the house on East 9th Street. He explained the difference between a “permitted use” and a “special use”.

Following considerable discussion, McDougall moved and Ronne seconded to recommend to the City Council to amend the ordinances to allow group homes and/or group care homes by special use only in the three residential zones.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Ronne, Stephens, Hitz, McDougall, Nickel, Heskett and Runge.
Nays: None. Absent & Not Voting: Northrop and Riley. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission the Chairman adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:20 o'clock p.m.

C. Jean Thiele, City Clerk