

CITY OF NEW HOPE
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NEW HOPE, MINNESOTA 55428

City Council Minutes
Work Session Meeting

April 20, 2011
Parks and Recreation Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER The New Hope City Council met in work session pursuant to due call and notice thereof; Mayor Hemken called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL Council present: Kathi Hemken, Mayor
Andy Hoffe, Council Member
Eric Lammle, Council Member
Daniel Stauner, Council Member

Planning Commission present: Jeff Houle, Chair
Paul Anderson
Jim Brinkman
Kimberly Johnson (arrived late)
Roger Landy
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Staff present: Kirk McDonald, City Manager
Eric Weiss, Community Development Assistant

Review Draft City Center Guiding Vision and Principles Mayor Hemken introduced for discussion item 11.1, review draft City Center Guiding Vision and Principles.

Item 11.1

Following introductions, Ms. Sherri Buss, project manager with TKDA, reviewed the open houses held earlier in the year. Overall, there was a consensus that there was fairly good participation at the open houses, particularly the north side meeting. The Council and Planning Commission were happy to see a mix of demographics present at the meeting and to hear the level of interest and excitement in redevelopment. Discussion ensued regarding potential long- and short-term projects, redevelopment of the Kmart site and resident input.

The two groups agreed with the final draft of the visioning document. There was discussion regarding a streets review committee, and it was decided the Planning Commission would serve in that role.

There was discussion regarding the need to establish a resident committee that would champion City Center and its revitalization. Members of the Planning Commission, Citizens Advisory Commission and residents at-large were suggested to serve on this committee.

A timeline of next steps was established to include the following next steps:

- June: Review of vision document by Planning Commission and City Council
- June-July: Developer roundtable

- Late summer: Establish a set of “must haves” and priorities for City Center
- Late summer: Develop and make public Request for Qualifications
- Early fall: Begin drafting zoning code changes
- Late fall: Develop and make public Request for Proposals
- Continuous: Public input and comment

It was also decided the city should pursue a similar timeline with regards to redevelopment of the former Bass Lake Road Apartments site. The city will also consider development of programs aimed at making New Hope a more desirable place to relocate and reside.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. as there was no further business to come before the Council at its work session.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Weiss
Community Development Assistant