



If there was a theme to 2014 it would be public hearings and driveways. We had twelve public hearings with a majority being for Conditional Use Permits. We had a number of meetings that covered 2<sup>nd</sup> driveways in residential zoning districts. Some had been installed without permits, others proposed. The driveway ordinance was amended to clarify only one driveway is allowed in a residential district. While the first quarter showed some commercial replatting, ultimately no commercial businesses were constructed in 2014. Here is a summary of the year:

### **January**

Public Hearing for rezoning of Peoples Energy Solar project to M1 – Recommended approval

### **February**

Some sign ordinance violations/enforcement and trailer storage requirements discussions

### **March**

Public hearing Oronoco Crossings Re-plat (North of Casey's) – Recommended approval of replat

### **April**

Sign permit for Fairway outdoor advertising for Billboard on Vintage Road – Recommended approval

### **May**

- Oronoco Crossing final plat – public hearing – Recommended approval
- Public Hearing for CUP for tree trimming – 115 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW – Recommended denial
- Sign Permit for mini-storage at 155 5<sup>th</sup> St SW - Recommended approval

### **June**

- Public hearing for CUP MN Ave hair shop – Recommended approval
- Public hearing - 725 River Park Place Drive Way Variance request – Recommended denial
- Public hearing for Rezoning of Hoene parcel from R1 – B2 – Recommended approval

### **July**

- Public hearing - 756 River Park Road Drive Way Variance request – no action taken
- Public hearing – 520 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE Drive Way Variance request – no action taken
- Recommendation for counsel to direct P&Z to clarify driveway ordinance

### **August**

- Public hearing for CUP – 520 6<sup>th</sup> St SE – Lawn Mowing Business Recommended approval - but all equipment must be stored in truck, trailer, or garage.
- Public hearing for CUP – Ottman/Allen 1580 102<sup>nd</sup>. – Recommended approval
- Draft of driveway ordinance created and sent to counsel for approval

### **September**

Met with peoples at Peoples Solar site to discuss landscape plantings – no other meeting

## **October**

No meetings

## **November**

Reviewed sign ordinance and billboard section. Agreed to leave billboard section as is

## **December**

Discussion on garage heights and if the city should allow heights greater than 16' in residential districts – will be reviewed in January 2015

## **2015 Recommended Actions**

- The city should develop a solar ordinance for commercial and residential as we are likely to continue to see increasing requests in this space.
- City should continue to look at Municipal Sewer options to spur Commercial development

The committee is working well together and we are doing a good job handling P&Z requests that come to the community. We think the City staff is doing a good job of limiting last minute requests and keeping the committee informed of emerging events/issues.

Respectfully Submitted on 1-8-2015

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