

**City of Norway Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2021**

Roll Call: A. Kalcec, M. Skog, B. Thorne, and Laura Hyde-Smith,

Absent: J. Muraro, M. Kalcec, and L. Bietila

Others Present: R. Anderson, City Manager

Citizens Present: None

Approve Agenda: Motion made by Member M. Skog, supported by Member B. Thorne and unanimously approved Regular Meeting Agenda of May 5, 2021.

Approve Minutes: Motion made by Member B. Thorne, supported by Member M. Skog and unanimously approved Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2021.

New Business:

Commercial Site Plan Review (Knight Owl Sports Bar & Grill) – The Planning Commission reviewed a Commercial Site Plan submitted by Robert Chartre, owner of Knight Owl Sports Bar and Grill. Mr. Chartre’s project is to install a roof over an existing deck on the east side of the building. There were no conflicts or issues with the request.

Motion: Motion made by Member M. Skog, supported by Member B. Thorne and unanimously approved Site Plan review for Bob Chartre, owner of Knight Owl Sports Bar to install a roof over an existing deck on the east side of the building.

Zoning Code Amendments – The Planning Commission discussed the following sections of the zoning code which are recommended in a an amendment;

- Marijuana (Conditional/Permitted Use) – move the use from conditional to permitted for marijuana establishments.
- Short Term Rentals – There is currently no language within the code to address short term rentals such as B&B or VBO’s. This should be included in the ordinance.
- Right to Farm (Animals) – There’s still more work to be done on this issue and should be started through the master planning effort. There’s also work to be done on a separate animal ordinance. This issue will not be included in the next amendment. It was also suggested that a link be put on the city’s web page to link up with MSU Extension to provide information on the keeping of animals and links to get the GAAMPS.
- Handicap Ramps – It was suggested that language be added to the ordinance which allows the City Manager to approve temporary ADA ramps which extend into the required front yards and are in violation with the standard front yard encroachment.

Old Business:

Master Plan Review – The Planning Commission again discussed the upcoming master plan review project. As part of the review it was suggested that they should start with Chapter 10 (goals).

Communications: City of Norway Zoning Log was available for review.

Citizen Comments: None

Board Member Privilege: Discussed putting a notice on face-book the need for volunteers for Leif Erikson.

Next Meeting Date: June 2, 2021

Adjourn: Motion made by Member M. Skog, supported by Member B. Thorne and unanimously approve to Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leonard Bietila, PC Secretary