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West Fargo Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Thorstad, Kathi Schwan, Morgan Forness, Alyssa Ommen, Chris Wehri, Dave Gust, Matt Kopp

Members Absent: Eric Dodds

Others Present: Aaron Nelson, Lisa Sankey, Steve Iverson, Katie Schmidt, Breanna Siegler

Minutes Submitted by: Breanna Siegler, Office Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Thorstad at 5:30pm. Vice-Chair Thorstad asked for approval of the order of the agenda. Commissioner Gust motioned to approve; Commissioner Schwan seconded. No opposition. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Thorstad asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2025. Commissioner Wehri moved and Commissioner Ommen seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2025 with the correction to the meeting attendance to list Commissioner Wehri as an absent member of the commission. No opposition. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Thorstad opened a public hearing for A25-20 McMahan Estates 3rd Addition a request for Conditional Use Permit to allow an accessory structure larger than 1,000sq ft in an R1-E Zoning District located at 214 51st Ave E (Lot 2, Block 3 McMahan Estates 3rd Addition). Vice-Chair Thorstad opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was brought forth. Vice-Chair Thorstad closed the public hearing. Commissioner Gust motioned to approve the request with the two conditions listed by staff. Commissioner Ommen seconded. Motion passed 6-0. No opposition.

Commissioner Kopp arrived at the meeting at 5:36pm. Vice-Chair Thorstad opened a public hearing for A25-21 Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Title IV regarding landscaping. Vice-Chair Thorstad asked for public comments. No public comment was brought forth. Vice-Chair Thorstad closed the public hearing. Discussion held. Commissioner Gust motioned to approve. Commissioner Schwan seconded. Motion passed 7-0. No opposition.

Vice-Chair Thorstad opened the floor for non-agenda items. Planning Director Nelson will be reaching out soon to schedule a session between the stake holder groups and the consulting team regarding the Growth Area Master Plan. It will likely be held prior to the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on October 14th with a 3 or 4pm start. Director Nelson then introduced our new Senior Planner, Steve Iverson. Steve provided a short introduction.



Vice-Chair Thorstad asked for a motion to adjourn from the regular agenda. Commissioner Wehri moved to adjourn. Commissioner Forness seconded. No opposition. Motion passed. Vice-Chair Thorstad adjourned from the regular agenda at 5:50pm.