

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

**Regular Meeting**

Call to order by Chairperson Griffis at 6:01 pm.

Present: Burack, Blau, Harris, Walton, Griffis, Rickard, Lahti, Wenc, Knoop

Absent: None

Also Present: Mary Babcock, Tara Dulong, Alan Salmi, Monica Maki, Haley Goodreau, and other members of the public.

Motion by Member Harris and supported by Member Blau to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item #3 to approve a new vision statement for the Master Plan.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

Monica Maki – 721 Finn – Commented on sauna week and the possibility of a public sauna.

Haley Goodreau – Hancock Township – Commented on sauna week and the possibility of a public sauna.

**Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Rickard to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2024 meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Updates** – Manager Babcock gave the following updates:

Sauna forum – well attended event. Handed out flyers for Superior Steam, a commercial sauna near Copper Harbor. Campground has a sauna building, possibility of adding it to the recreation plan.

Mannerheim – a couple rental occupants, using for storage.

MEDC event for the three Finlandia buildings and the old hardware store.

**Old Business**

Master Plan – Manager Babcock went over comments from the council.

- There is nothing about childcare in the plan.
- What about careers? Would this be part of the Business & Technology Park?

- WUPPDR needs to be added to Objective 3.3 as Potential Partners & Funding Sources.
- Look into adding an objective and strategy for a community sauna, possibly under Objective 4.3. Is there a zoning ordinance for saunas in the city? Can it fall under something else? Maybe health, wellness, and fitness.

Member Griffis will investigate wording from Duluth's ordinances.

### **New Business**

1. Motion by Member Griffis and supported by Member Rickard to proceed with the zoning map amendment process for rezoning of Cliff Drive from R2 Multi-Family Residential to R1 – Single Family Residential.

Roll Call

Yes: Burack, Harris, Walton, Griffis, Rickard, Wenc, Knoop

No: None

Abstained: Blau and Lahti

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Member Rickard and supported by Member Blau to proceed with the zoning map amendment process for rezoning of a portion of Jasberg Street from Open Space & Recreation District to R1 Single-Family Residential District.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Walton to proceed with the new vision statement but change the word progressive to forward looking.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

### **Public Comment**

Alan Salmi – 121 E Water – Commented on the public sauna and it being a great intergenerational idea.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Member Blau and supported by Member Rickard to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Tara Dulong, Deputy Clerk