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MINUTES

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
Tuesday, January 6, 2015

Members Present: Becky Baumbach, Roger Cohee, Ed Kinney, Marc Jones, Tom O'Brien, and George Vroman (Excused Absence: Bill Horns)

Staff Present: Wade Thompson – Resource/Project Planner

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Chair Ed Kinney called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Motion by Becky Baumbach, second by Tom O'Brien, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2014, carried unanimously.

2. Public Appearances – Non-agenda items

None.

3. Rezone request, RZ-2046-14, by Michael Barry to rezone from the A-T (Transitional Agriculture) to the A-S (Small Lot Agriculture) district a portion of property associated with 5556 CTH M, part of Lot 2 CSM 13071

Greg Paradise, 20 N. Carroll St., Madison, WI, representing the applicant, provided the Committee with additional detail on the application. Paradise stated the applicant is requesting approval to divide Lot 2 CSM 13071 into two lots, with the applicant selling proposed new lot 1 to an adjacent property owner, Jeff Raymond. Paradise stated that in addition to the land division, the applicant is requesting to rezone proposed lot 1, and a portion of proposed lot 2 that is currently zoned A-T (Transitional Agriculture), to A-S (Small Lot Agriculture).

The Committee discussed the request.

Motion by Marc Jones, second by Roger Cohee, to recommend approval of the rezone request to the Plan Commission, with the following conditions:

- 1.) No other permit or approval is waived or deemed satisfied except for the approval provided herein.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Certified Survey Map request, CS-2047-14, by Michael Barry to divide Lot 2 CSM 13071 into two lots.

Motion by Jones, second by O'Brien, to recommend approval of the CSM request to the Plan Commission, with the following conditions:

- 1.) No other permit or approval is waived or deemed satisfied except for the approval provided herein.
- 2.) Signature line for the Fitchburg City Clerk shall be updated to reflect the current Clerk prior to the City signing of the CSM.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. City of Fitchburg Comprehensive Agriculture Plan Work Session

Wade Thompson introduced the latest draft of the Comprehensive Agriculture Plan and asked for Committee comment on the draft. The Committee discussed various aspects of the Plan draft including plan purpose and intent, update schedule, mapping data, development process, stakeholder involvement, agricultural issues, and goal, objective, policy, timeline, and indicator development.

The Committee agreed to further review *Part IV. Agriculture Issues* of *Section III – A City Profile* and *Section V – Plan Goals, Objectives, Policies, Timelines, and Indicators*, and discuss these plan components in further detail at the next Committee meeting.

6. Staff Report

Thompson announced he is working on the FAR signs, and that they should be ready for installation this spring.

7. Announcements.

a. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Cohee, second by O'Brien, to adjourn at 5.29 p.m., carried unanimously.

Submitted by: Wade Thompson, Resource/Project Planner

Approved: February 17, 2015