

**Harris Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 27, 2023**

- I. **Call to Order** - Chairman Siedow called the Planning Commission to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** - All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call** – City Clerk Shannon Geier conducted roll call. Present were Chairman Al Siedow, Commissioner Shari Denny, Commissioner Jeff Borash, Commissioner Neil Elmquist, and Commissioner Haley Peabody. City Clerk Geier announced a quorum was present.
- IV. **Consent Agenda** – Denny made a motion to approve the October 27, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. Peabody seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Public Hearing** – 2023-08 Micro Units on Sacred Communities & Religious property and 2023-09 Cannabis and Smoking in public spaces: Siedow opened the public hearing at 7:02. There were no comments or questions. The public hearing closed at 7:03.
- VI. **Regular Agenda** -
 - A. **2023-08 Micro Units on Sacred Communities & Religious property Ordinance** – Borash made a motion to forward Ordinance #2023-08 to City Council for consideration and approval. Peabody seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. **2023-09 Cannabis and Smoking in Public Spaces** – Denny made a motion to forward Ordinance #2023-09 to City Council for consideration and approval. Peabody seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. **Solar Ordinance** – Tabled until the January meeting.
 - D. **Mineral extraction ordinance** – The Commissioners discussed the need for more information and knowledge if they are to continue working to improve the mineral extraction ordinance and permits. Denny suggested hiring a firm, such as Barr Engineering, that specializes in writing ordinances and permits for mineral extraction with the sole purpose of making it so people and pits can co-exist. Siedow suggested contacting a college, such as the University of MN-Duluth, for information. Also discussed was whether all mineral extraction sites should require a permit or just those that are operating as a regular full-time business.
 - E. **2024 PC Appointments** – Siedow agreed to remain as Commission Chairman for 2024. Peabody’s term is up and is willing to accept a three-year appointment.
- VII. **Commissioner Reports** - included Parks and Rec minutes and City Council Minutes – Written reports.

VIII. **Adjourn** – Denny made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Borash seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

City Clerk – Shannon Geier

Allen Siedow - Chair

Date Approved

APPROVED