



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Plan Commission

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

4:15 PM

City Hall, 205

Call To Order

- PRESENT:** 5 - Elaine Sutton Ekes, Vincent Esqueda, Tony Veranth, John Dickert and Dennis Wiser
- EXCUSED:** 2 - Molly Hall and Melvin Hargrove

Others present:

Matthew Sadowski, Principal Planner / Assistant Director of City Development
Jill Johanneck, Associate Planner
Ken Plaski, Chief Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator

Approval of Minutes for the March 13, 2013 Meeting

A motion was made by Alderman Wiser, seconded by Commissioner Sutton Ekes, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

13-8782

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request by Marvin Letven, representing the Racine Urban Garden Network (RUGN), to install a hoop house at the community garden located at 734 Marquette Street. (PC-13)

Associate Planner Johanneck reviewed the request by RUGN to install a hoop house on the property currently leased to them at 734 Marquette Street. A review of the site layout, area views, and existing amenities was provided. The proposed hoop house will be 8-feet in height, 10-feet wide, and 12-feet long. The intention of the hoop house is to get a jump on the growing season. It was advised sections of Chapter 18 apply to hoop houses and restrict things such as storage of solvents, chemicals, fertilizers, and other flammable materials or liquids, and also provides guidelines on things such as wind loads, roof loads, type of construction and other considerations the applicant will be required to follow when obtaining the building permit.

Mayor Dickert questioned how the structure would be staked. Ben Lehner of RUGN advised the structure does have a wooden frame that will be staked into the ground. Chief Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Plaski advised plans will need to be submitted and reviewed to verify the exact requirements for installation of the hoop house.

No other changes to the operation as it currently functions are proposed; the hours will be daylight hours during the growing season, trash will be collected in receptacles near the tool shed, and no signage has been requested at this time. Staff recommended approval subject to conditions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sutton Ekes, seconded by Commissioner Esqueda, to approve the installation of the hoop house at 734

Marquette Street subject to Staff conditions, with a correction to condition b. which should read 'RUGN' and not 'RUSD'. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

13-8790

Subject: (Res.13-0138) Preliminary Resolution - Street Dedication for the Southwest Corner of State and Spring Street.

Recommendation of the City Plan Commission on 3-27-13: That the dedication is consistent with City plans and programs and that the resolution be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Principal Planner Sadowski informed the Commission this item was to rectify an omission made back in 2008 when a newly created turn-lane at this location was dedicated but the resulting cul-de-sac at the southwest corner was not.

There was formerly a home and a business on the two lots involved at the time, which were torn down to allow for construction. The cul-de-sac is the area under consideration for dedication at this time. The request of the Commission is to determine whether the request is in line with City plans and programs. City Staff feels there is no conflict and recommends the resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Esqueda, seconded by Commissioner Veranth, to recommend adoption of the resolution as the dedication is consistent with City plans and programs, The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

Administrative Business

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Esqueda moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Veranth. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.