

CITY OF ALBERT LEA  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2018 - 5:30 pm  
City Center – Council Chambers

**Members Present**

Colby Cunningham  
Rick Mummert, Chair  
Thayne Nordland  
Pam Schmidt  
Jason Willner, Vice-Chair

**Members Absent**

Larry Baker, Ex-Officio  
Tim Samuelson

**Staff in Attendance**

Wyeth Anderson, City Intern  
Cierra Maras, Fire & Inspection Administrative Assistant  
Molly Patterson-Lundgren, City Planner

**Interested Parties**

None

Planning Commission Chair, Rick Mummert, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Nordland made a motion to approve the agenda and Willner seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes**

Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from March 15, 2018. Cunningham seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.

**Public Hearings**

Staff report and PowerPoint prepared by Molly Patterson-Lundgren, Planner WSB & Associates, Inc. and an audio recording of this meeting become part of these minutes by reference.

1. Amendments to Zoning Code Section 74-870, F-2 Floodplain District, Flood Fringe

Patterson-Lundgren presented a slideshow to the Commission describing the different Flood Plain Zoning and how they work. She explained the F-1 Floodway regulations and building restrictions the City has in place as well as the F-2 Flood Fringe Zone regulations.

Patterson-Lundgren proposed to the Commission reorganization of the floodplain standards and allowing limited development within the Flood Fringe zone as allowed under State and Federal law.

Mummert opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. He called three times, no one was present to speak. Mummert closed the public hearing at 6:19.

Nordland made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, to recommend to City Council the proposed amendments to Sec. 74-870 to allow limited development with the Flood Fringe zone. The motion passed on a 5-0 voiced vote.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Commissioner Communications**

None

### **Staff Communications**

Anderson commented on how nice of a tool Beacon is and how helpful it can be, noting that many people may not know it exists. Patterson-Lundgren thanked Anderson for his work during his internship. Maras informed the Commission that Cunningham has joined the Board of Appeals and thanked him.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Cunningham and seconded by Nordland. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Cierra Maras  
Planning Commission Secretary

  
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Rick Mummert  
Chair, Planning Commission