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This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, Section 6 implemented in response to COVID-19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The Planning Commission convened in Regular Session virtually via zoom conferencing at 4:01 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The meeting was live streamed to the public at www.cityblm.org/live. The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Megan Headean.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ms. Megan Headean	Chair	Present
Mr. Tyson Mohr	Vice Chair	Present
Mr. Justin Boyd	Commissioner	Absent
Mr. Thomas Krieger	Commissioner	Present
Ms. Megan McCann	Commissioner	Present
Mr. Mark Muehleck	Commissioner	Present
Mr. David Stanczak	Commissioner	Present, arrived at 4:12 PM
Mr. John Danenberger	Commissioner	Present
Mr. George Boyle	Assistant Corporate Council	Present
Mr. Craig McBeath	Interim Information Systems Director	Present
Ms. Katie Simpson	City Planner	Present
Mr. Bob Mahrt	Community Development Director	Present

COVID-19

Chairperson Headean explained that this meeting was being held virtually via live stream pursuant to the gubernatorial executive order 2020-07, Section 6. Public comment was accepted until 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Written public comment must have been emailed to publiccomment@cityblm.org and those wishing to speak live must have registered at https://www.cityblm.org/register at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Chairperson Headean and City Planner Katie Simpson were at City Hall, 109 E. Olive Street, Bloomington IL 61701. City Hall was open to the public with limited occupancy. No one from the public attended the meeting in person.

Public Comment

Chairperson Headean opened the floor for public comment. None.

Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the July 22, 2020 regular meeting of the Bloomington Planning Commission.

No changes were proposed.

Commissioner Krieger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCann, that the amended Minutes from the July 22, 2020, meeting be approved:

AYES: Daneberger; Krieger; McCann; Mohr; Muehleck, Chairperson Headean

NAYES: None.

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

Z-12-20 Public Hearing, review and action on minor text amendments, modifications and deletions to the Bloomington Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 44 of the City Code, submitted by the Bloomington City Council (Resolution 2020-12)

Chairperson Headean opened the public hearing and introduced the case. Ms. Simpson provided staff's positive recommendation and explained that staff was looking for guidance regarding a clarification to the notice procedures. Staff prepared two possible revision options to Division 17-5. Each option clarifies the timing of neighborhood notice. The first option (the "Courtesy" option) requires legal notice to be published in the paper 15 days prior to the public hearing, consistent with the state statute, and allows for a courtesy notice to be mailed to property owners within 500 feet. The first option aligns with the city's previous notification requirements. The second option (the "Required" option) specified that legal notice is published in the newspaper and that neighborhood notices are mailed at least 15 days prior to the public hearing.

The Commission discussed the pros and cons of both options. The general consensus of the Commission was that the "Courtesy" option would still provide adequate notice to the neighborhood while protecting applicants from unnecessary public hearing delays that could occur if there was an issue with or delay in the mailing system outside of the city and the applicant's control. The Commission found the amendments to be in the interest of public health, safety and welfare.

Commissioner Mohr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Muehleck, to adopt the staff findings and analysis.

AYES: Daneberger; Krieger; McCann; Mohr; Muehleck, Chairperson Headean

NAYES: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Mohr made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Krieger, to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed text amendment and amend Division 17-5 to reflect the first notice option (the "Courtesy" option) provided by staff.

AYES: Daneberger; Krieger; McCann; Mohr; Muehleck, Stanczak Chairperson Headean

NAYES: None.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Krieger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCann, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce)

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
Chairperson Megan Headean	Katie Simpson, City Planner