

***FARIBAULT PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 16, 2019***

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Albers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners present: Dave Albers, Ann Vohs, Dave Campbell, and Joe Faugstad.

Commissioners Absent: Chuck Ackman

Staff present: Planning Coordinator, Peter Waldock, City Planner, David Wanberg and Administrative Assistant I, Kari Casper.

Public Present:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Vohs to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried (5/0).

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. VAR 51-19, Application for Variances from the Unified Development Ordinance for Signs Regarding, Setbacks, Size Limits and Number Limits for the Daikin North Facility Site at 15620 Acorn Trail.

The existing Daikin facility at 15620 Acorn Trail will be completing construction on extensive site improvements started earlier this year. The proposed informational signs are larger than that allowed by the UDO. Consequently, the Daikin is requesting variances to allow informational signs on the site to exceed the maximum allowable dimensional requirements. Informational signs are used for the direction, safety, or convenience of the public. The Applicant feels it is imperative that the informational signs clearly direct truck drivers, visitors, and others to the correct area of the site and is requesting a variance to allow larger informational signs on the site than that allowed by the UDO. The signs may be located in drainage and utility easements which exist and are approximately 10' wide. Staff has prepared an encroachment agreement as a condition of approval of this variance application. There are other conditions that the DRC has requested which will be part of the approval process including but are not limited to: the applicant should minimize the white space on the sign as means to ensure the informational signs are no bigger than needed; will need to have the site address prominently displayed on the building and/or on the informational signs to aid emergency responders arriving at the site; add the sign the locations to the site plan; Signs must not be located on the public right of way; Signs must not be located in the safety triangle to avoid blocking vision of traffic; if the signs must be located in easements, an encroachment agreement is recommended; and Safe traffic sight triangle distances must be met for public streets and county highways adjoining the site. Also, the signs must be drawn on the actual survey.

Chair Albers opened the matter up for discussion, there was none. Albers then opened the matter up for the Public Hearing and no one was present. Albers closed the public hearing and back to the

Commission for further discussion. White responded by stating that the illumination be put directly on the sign only and add that as a condition of the approval.

A motion was made by White to recommend approval of VAR 51-19 consisting of Resolution 2019-261 Approving a Variance For Signs Regarding, Setbacks, Size Limits and Number Limits for the Daikin North Facility Site at 15620 Acorn Trail with the added condition that the signs have direct illumination and seconded by Campbell. Motion carried (5/0).

4. ROUTINE BUSINESS: None.

5. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Campbell and seconded by Faugstad to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried (5/0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Casper, Administrative Assistant I

MINUTES APPROVED:

Dave Albers, Chair