

**CITY OF SHOREVIEW
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 6, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Martin called the regular meeting of the Shoreview City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 6, 2014.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Martin; Councilmembers Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom and Withhart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Martin noted the addition of a 12th item to the Consent Agenda for a Raffle and Bingo permit for St. Odilia Church on February 6, 2014.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to approve the January 6, 2014 agenda with the addition of No. 12 to the Consent Agenda for Raffle and Bingo Permit for St. Odilia Church on February 6, 2014.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Martin made the following presentation:

As we begin 2014, I am reminded how fortunate we all are to live in Shoreview – a city that has an unparalleled quality of life. As a City Council, we pride ourselves on providing high quality services and programs for our residents, along with outstanding community amenities such as our park and trail system and our unique and well-utilized Community Center. The primary reason we have been able to maintain a consistently high quality of life is because, as a Council and community, we have committed to a set of core values. We are a City that:

- Preserves and protects the environment;
- Develops and maintains our park and trail system;

- Supports our business community in order to provide jobs, tax base and commercial services;
- Builds and maintains quality residential neighborhoods and provides a variety of housing choices;
- Provides a state-of-the-art community center that serves as a central gathering place for our residents; and
- Focuses on long-range financial planning and maintains its strong financial condition.

It is through these shared core values that we are able to maintain Shoreview as one of the premier suburban communities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

I would like to take a few minutes to highlight some of the major accomplishments of 2013 and provide a look forward to some new projects that are on the horizon for 2014 and beyond.

Economic Development

One of the most exciting things that happened in Shoreview in 2013 was the opening of Trader Joe's Market, which is located at Lexington Avenue and I-694, in October. The City Council and staff worked extraordinarily hard and provided incentives to insure that Trader Joe's would be the key anchor tenant for the new Red Fox Road retail development, which includes Leeann Chin and Chipotle. A new TCF branch bank also opened at the corner of Red Fox Road and Lexington Avenue replacing the former Sinclair gas station.

Two of Shoreview's larger high tech companies, PaR System and TSI, Incorporated, expanded their presence in Shoreview with major expansions in 2013. These expansions added more than \$8 million in new market value tax and are expected to add more than 200 new jobs. Again, the City provided some limited financial assistance with both of these expansions and was recognized by the Economic Development Association of Minnesota for these projects with the Business Retention Project of the Year Award.

The City continues to expand the housing choices that are available in the community. Lakeview Terrace, a new market rate apartment complex is currently under construction at the southeast corner of County Road E and Victoria Street. This new six-story 104-unit upscale apartment project is a redevelopment of the former Midland Plaza retail center. This development is a public/private partnership with the owners of Midland Terrace and it involved substantial public investment to realign Owasso Street with County Road E and substantially improve motorist and pedestrian safety and efficiency. The developer is investing more than \$20 million into this project which will be the first new market rate apartments in Shoreview in several decades.

In addition, the City Council recently approved a 77-unit Applewood Pointe senior cooperative facility for United Properties on the current Kozlak's site at Tanglewood Drive and Hodgson Road and a new 25-lot single-family residential subdivision for Pulte Homes along Lexington

Avenue near the north water tower. It is anticipated that construction will begin on these new developments during 2014, further expanding housing options in the community.

Community Center, Parks and Trails

The Shoreview Community Center continues to serve as the primary social, cultural and recreational gathering place for the community. According to our recently completed community survey, more than 50% of the community indicated that members of their household use the Center and resident membership numbers continue to increase. In addition to our full service fitness center, with attractions like the Tropics Indoor Water Park and Tropical Adventures Indoor Playground it is not surprising that the Shoreview Community Center is one of the best places for family fun and fitness. For residents that are interested in better health and wellness in a great community atmosphere, I encourage you to consider one of our very affordable memberships for you or your family. During 2013, we also started to explore a potential expansion to the Community Center to better accommodate growth in our membership and recreation programs. It has been more than a decade since our last renovation and we hope to complete this analysis within the next few months.

Our Parks and Recreation Department also does a great job of planning numerous activities and events at the Community Center. In 2014, we look forward to the return of our popular Farmers' Market held on Tuesdays from mid-June through mid-October, the Concert in the Commons Summer Music Series on most Wednesday evenings during the summer months, and our Friday Night Flix movie nights in August and September. Our largest annual event, the Slice of Shoreview Days will be held this year on July 25-27, 2014 at Island Lake County Park. Many thanks to our Slice of Shoreview committee that has planned and organized this great community festival for more than 20 years.

The City completed a major renovation of Bucher Park during 2013, after months of planning and coordination with the Park and Recreation Commission and the surrounding neighborhood. All of the renovations, including a new entry plaza, expanded trail connection, new playground equipment, and two new picnic shelters, were completed in the fall and we anticipate a grand reopening celebration to be held early this summer. These park improvements are consistent with a Master Plan that was developed for the City's entire park system in the mid-2000's.

The City's trail and sidewalk system is our most widely used recreational amenity in the City with 56% of residents using the trails at least weekly according to our community survey. During 2014, the City will explore extending the trail along the east side of Lexington Avenue north of Royal Oaks Drive. Our Bikeways and Trails Committee and staff continue to look for opportunities to further expand the trail and sidewalk system.

Environmental Initiatives

During 2013, the City received recognition from the League of Minnesota Cities as a Step 2 Green Step City; and we also are participants in the Urban Land Institute's Regional Indicators

Program. These programs look at a variety of environmental measures and will help the City become more sustainable in the future. During 2013, we also received a Blue Star Award for stormwater management and an award from the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District for the Commons Pond natural landscape buffer, which is a volunteer initiative.

Shoreview is also planning to continue its efforts to limit the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer and protect our urban forest. As most people know, the Emerald Ash Borer has been discovered in the Shamrock Park neighborhood in northern Shoreview and continues to spread eastward. In 2013, nearly 200 residents took advantage of a new City program that provides affordable ash tree injections that protect ash trees. This program will be available again in 2014 and we hope even more residents decide to protect their ash trees from being infested by the Emerald Ash Borer. We are also encouraging residents to diversify the tree species in their yard.

Our Environmental Quality Committee will again be hosting its Environmental Speaker series beginning on Wednesday, January 15. Each month from January-April, the EQC will have a different guest speaker talking about a variety of environmental topics.

Financial Condition

The City has continued its emphasis on long-range financial planning by adopting our Five-Year Operating Plan that establishes financial targets for all of our funds, as well as our second two-year budget. This focus on long-range financial planning is a key reason the City has been able to obtain a AAA bond rating from Standard & Poors, the highest rating available. Our long-term Finance Director Jeanne Haapala has been the driving force behind the City's long-range financial planning efforts and we wish her well as she plans to retire at the end of January. We are fortunate that our Assistant Finance Director Fred Espe, who has worked for the City for 15 years, is well prepared to step into the Finance Director position and continue our sound financial planning standards.

The City Council and staff have also worked hard to maintain our tax and spending at a reasonable level compared to other similar cities. In 2013, city property taxes on a median value home of \$222,200 were \$758, which is 6th lowest of 28 similar sized communities, about 21% below the average property tax bill of \$960. Shoreview's total spending per capita is also the 6th lowest of these comparison cities at \$1,076, which is 23% below the average of \$1,398. As a City Council, we believe these tax and spending measures are valuable indicators and clearly demonstrate our ongoing commitment to ensure that our services, programs and facilities continue to be affordable for our residents.

Conclusion

Speaking on behalf of our City Council, I know we all take tremendous pride in our recently completed community survey which showed that 99% of our residents rate the quality of life in Shoreview as either good or excellent. The 58% that rate the quality of life as excellent is one

of the highest percentages in the metropolitan area. Further, an amazing 94% of residents believe the City is headed in the right direction. This represents a 10% improvement from the survey done three years ago and helps to reaffirm our commitment to the core values that we have established.

I would like to thank all of the members of our committees and commissions for their help and guidance during the past year; and our community organizations such as the Shoreview Community Foundation, Historical Society, Gallery 96, Shoreview-Einhausen Sister City Association and Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band who help build civic pride. I would also like to thank our City staff for working hard each and every day to provide great customer service and quality programs.

Finally, many thanks to my colleagues on the City Council who are both talented and dedicated and have helped make Shoreview a great place to live, work and play. As a group, we remain committed to providing an open and accessible government and are working hard to consistently improve our communications with our residents. Our expanded and improved ShoreViews newsletter and new web site design that was unveiled earlier this year are assisting us in these enhanced communication efforts.

It is truly an honor to serve as Mayor of our great City and I look forward to working with you during 2014.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Johnson:

All are encouraged to attend the Taste of the Slice at the Community Center on February 20, 2014, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are available online.

Councilmember Wickstrom:

On Wednesday, January 8, 2014, there will be a meeting on the Northeast Ground Water Project. Former Councilmember and DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr will give a presentation. The meeting will be at the Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to attend a presentation on The Energy-Efficient Home in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2013, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Committee (EQC).

There will be a TCAAP Open House at the Ramsey County Public Works Building on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Councilmember Withhart:

The Community Center is open on the cold days, when school is closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Martin noted a number of name spelling corrections in the minutes that have been given to staff.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to adopt the Consent Agenda for January 6, 2014, and all relevant resolutions for item Nos. 1 through 12, with the corrections to the minutes as given to staff by Mayor Martin:

1. December 9, 2013 City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
2. December 16, 2013 City Council Special Meeting
3. December 16, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes
4. Receipt of Committee/Commission Minutes:
 - Economic Development Commission, November 19, 2013
 - Human Rights Commission, November 20, 2013
 - Planning Commission, December 3, 2013
 - Economic Development Authority, December 9, 2013
 - Economic Development Commission, December 17, 2013
 - Human Rights Commission, December 18, 2013
5. Verified Claims in the Amount of \$1,976,121.78
6. Purchases
7. License Applications
8. Declaration of Intent to Bond
9. Authorize Replacement Purchase for Units 212, 608, 609 and 612
10. Developer Escrow Reduction
11. Text Amendment - Section 211.070 Housing Code
12. Raffle and Bingo Permit for St. Odilia Church on February 6, 2014

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

GENERAL BUSINESS**MINOR SUBDIVISION/VARIANCE APPEAL - 181 ST. MARIE ST.**

Presentation by City Planner Kathleen Castle

The subdivision request is to divide the subject property into two lots. In order to achieve the subdivision, a variance is requested for Parcel A to reduce the minimum lot depth from 125 feet to 100 feet. The variance was denied by the Planning Commission at its December 3, 2013 meeting on a 7 to 0 vote. Denial was based on the following findings:

- The owner has reasonable use of the property
- The need for a variance is created by the owner's desire to subdivide
- If subdivided, the resultant smaller lots and front setback for Parcel A would change the character of the neighborhood.

The applicant is appealing this decision to the City Council. The property is a corner lot on St. Marie and Rustic Place and developed with a single-family home oriented toward St. Marie with access off Rustic Place. The proposed subdivision would create a substandard, nonconforming lot with the reduced lot depth. A substandard lot has different development standards that must be met relating to lot coverage, height, foundation area, setback and architectural mass. The proposed home would be 1 1/2 stories with a two-car attached garage. City sewer and water are available to the property. Removal of any landmark trees would require replacement on a 2 to 1 ratio.

Staff believes the property owner does have reasonable use and that the variance is self-created with the desire to subdivide. A number of homes in the neighborhood exceed setback requirements, and the shorter setbacks proposed for the two lots would change the character of the neighborhood. Staff does not support the creation of a nonconforming lot.

The applicant states that this proposal is similar to one approved in 2012 at 3595 Rice Street for reduced lot depth. The proposal is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan policies. Subdivision represents reasonable use, and there is sufficient buildable area on the proposed new lot for a new home. There are unique circumstances with the corner lot and lot width. The character of the neighborhood is not impacted because of the existing lot configuration. The applicant notes two sanitary sewer connections for the property, which anticipates lot subdivision.

Property owners within 350 feet were notified of the appeal. The majority of comments received are in opposition.

Mr. Marvin List, Attorney with the law firm of Bernick Lifson, Minneapolis, stated that he represents the applicant. It is important to reference to the Comprehensive Plan because the

application complies with the infill development policy reference. He believes the request is the same as what was approved for 3595 Rice Street in 2012. He referred to page 4 of the material he submitted to the Council that compares this application to that of 3595 Rice Street. The two applications are almost indistinguishable with the following characteristics:

- Lot Area: Rice Street - 11,000 square feet; Saint Marie - 10,050
- Lot Width: Rice Street - 119 feet; Saint Marie - 106 feet
- Both properties on Rice Street and Saint Marie sought the same variance of reduction in lot depth from 125 feet to 100 feet.
- The two properties are in the same neighborhood.
- The surveys for both properties are almost the same with any differences not having any legal meaning.

Mayor Martin noted receipt of the survey, the plat for the 3595 Rice Street property distributed by Mr. List at this meeting, which the Council had not previously seen because the variance decision at 3595 Rice Street was not appealed.

Mr. List stated that the variance on Rice Street was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. In comparing the findings of the two decisions, the following can be stated:

- The subdivision was found to be a reasonable use for 3595 Rice but not reasonable for 181 Saint Marie due to self-creation.
- The variance will not alter the neighborhood character at 3595 Rice but will alter it at 181 Saint Marie.
- Both lots at 3595 Rice and 181 St. Marie are key lots.
- The decision to grant the variance for 3595 Rice states that the 100-foot depth lot is not out of character for the neighborhood, which is opposite to what is stated for 181 Saint Marie.

Referring to pages 2 and 3 of the material he submitted to the Council, Mr. List stated that unique circumstances are a result of the configuration of the property, not the land owner. The width is in compliance and variation in depth is not very noticeable visually. The two sanitary sewer services were installed and paid for indicating future subdivision. Key lots are very common in this area. The neighborhood is comprised of various sizes and depths of lots with various sized homes. He does not see how a court of law would allow denial of this variance. Denial would be arbitrary and wrong.

Planning Commissioner Proud stated that the decision for 3595 Rice Street does not constitute a precedent. Decisions of the Planning Commission are informed, impartial judgments with an incentive to support infill development. Creation of a non-conforming lot with this application was done by the applicant, and there is reasonable use of the property. The Planning Commission's vote was unanimous to deny the application, which he believes is the right decision.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked the difference between the two decisions. Commissioner Proud stated that he has not reviewed the 3595 Rice Street application. A decision is needed on the present matter as seen by the Commission and Council at this time. The decision for 3595 Rice Street is not a precedent.

Mayor Martin opened the discussion to public comment.

Mr. Dennis Hamilton, 3633 Rustic Place, stated that this subdivision does alter the character of the neighborhood because it would create two smaller lots in a neighborhood of larger lots. If 3595 Rice Street were to be developed, there would be two smaller lots and a cluster of small homes. There would also be approximately six driveways with access off one road with a STOP sign where there are small children which raises a concern for safety. He walked the Lake Owasso neighborhood where there a number of smaller, non-conforming lots with big and little houses on little lots. Rustic Place is different with large or small houses on larger lots. This is a small neighborhood, and most of the residents are present at this meeting. The character of the neighborhood is also defined by the people who live in it. He commended the developer for the improvements made to the existing home, which had been abandoned. That is a positive change, but this subdivision would be a negative change to the neighborhood.

Councilmember Wickstrom asked if there was opposition to the subdivision at 3595 Rice Street. Mr. Hamilton responded that he may be beyond the 350-foot radius for that property because he did not receive a notification for that subdivision. He did not realize there was a subdivision until last October.

Mr. Nathan Anderson, 3565 Rustic Place, thanked Commissioner Proud for indicating that the decision on 3595 Rice Street is not a precedent. He believes that decision was an error and the decision made for 181 Saint Marie is correct. The key lot configuration was used as justification for a subdivision at 3595 Rice. However, he believes creating key lots is justification for not allowing subdivision. The neighborhood did not hear about 3595 Rice, or there would have been opposition. Regarding the second sanitary sewer, it could have been put in for an expansion, a mother-in-law apartment, or outbuilding. The purpose is not clear. There is no dotted line on the plat to indicate a proposed new lot. Development guides are for the benefit of residents. Professionals are good at selecting parts of the ordinance to justify their economic interests. The only reason for this application is economic benefit. The municipal codes and development of Shoreview are not about cramming little houses onto small lots. The Code states there will not be undue density of population. In an opinion written by Administrative Law Justice John Paul Stevens in The Chevron Twostep case, it is first required to determine whether City ordinance speaks directly to the question at issue. If the ordinance is clear, that is the end of the matter.

According to Shoreview's definition of development and subdivision, a key lot is to be avoided and discouraged. Subdivision 204.030, Subdivision Standards Line 9, states clearly that such lots shall include at least 15 more feet of depth or width.

This neighborhood is not comprised of minimum standards. The lots in this neighborhood surpass minimum standards. This is not a place to allow a subdivision. A key ambiguity is that a lot can fit the ordinance of minimum standard but does not fit the character of the neighborhood. The neighboring lots to the new lots will have new lot line issues. Side lot lines that abut rear lot lines are required to have a 20-foot setback. Rear lot lines that abut side lot lines are required to have a 40-foot setback. The Code is for the benefit of residents. The clearest language is that key lots are to be discouraged. This is repeated a number of times in the Code. Shoreview is a wonderful City to live in and he encouraged the Council to make a decision that keeps it that way.

Mr. Willie Abbott, Representative of Saint Marie, LLC, stated that he and his wife remodeled 181 Saint Marie with pride and have been complimented by many of the neighbors. The question is a variance of 25 feet in depth. The area surrounding this property is seven key lots. There are six key lots surrounding 3595 Rice Street. The character of the neighborhood is key lots. Not all the lots are big. Four are less than .39 acres while others are between 0.43 and 0.48 acres. The neighborhood is not made up of averages. A lot of effort and information has been put into the application. There are six versions of the survey to show various setback scenarios. The standards are clear and were upheld at 3595 Rice and should be upheld with his application.

Mayor Martin stated that she does not agree that 3595 Rice and 181 Saint Marie are identical applications. Although close in proximity, there are significant differences. One is that Rice Street is an arterial road. Saint Marie is a much more residential street. Every variance is viewed on its own merits. One of the troubling issues is that the proposed home on Rustic would sit in front of the home north of it or in the front yard. That is a situation the City tries to avoid.

Councilmember Withhart agreed that the Rice Street subdivision is not relevant. Each parcel is reviewed on its own. This proposed subdivision creates a key lot, which he would not want to create. Using the setback of the house to the north and house to the south sitting in front of it is an issue, and he does not like to see rear lot lines abutting a side lot line. The Planning Commission did make the right finding.

Councilmember Quigley stated that key lots are difficult situations. Claiming that the decision for 3595 Rice Street is a precedent does not fit. Lot A at 3595 does not have a clustered look. There is a tucked appearance between the lot to the north and to the west, which is not a character of the neighborhood. He concurs with the Planning Commission and staff's recommendation.

Councilmember Johnson stated that the Council relies heavily on the Planning Commission and staff to make decisions based on many rules and regulations. A great deal of effort has been put into reviewing this application. With all the evidence and dialogue that has occurred, she supports the Planning Commission and staff's recommendation.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that the distinction between the application at 3595 Rice Street and 181 Saint Marie is that 3595 had over 30 more feet of width. That makes a difference and is not the same situation. The added 30 feet at 3595 Rice allows more flexibility, although she is not sure a subdivision should have been granted. She supports the Planning Commission decision.

Mayor Martin stated that she does not support the creation of a substandard lot. Although the character of the neighborhood is subjective, the plat map shows long deep lots. Averages have to be used to define the character of the neighborhood. The sewer service was done in 1961, and it is impossible to determine the reason or how development would occur at that time. Although infill development is a goal, she does not believe that applies in this situation.

Mr. Maloney noted that recent road improvements did not assess for a second service to this lot in anticipation of a subdivision. Mr. Schwerm added that the assessment for sanitary sewer was based on a front foot basis. In 1974, when water was put in and more recently in 2001 with the road improvements were completed, this lot was assessed as one unit.

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to uphold the Planning Commission's decision and deny the lot depth variance needed for the proposed Parcel A and thereby denying the minor subdivision for 181 Saint Marie Street dividing the property into two parcels. Said denial is based on the following findings:

Variance

1. The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the Shoreview Development Regulations. The property owner has reasonable use of the property. The property is developed with and used for single-family residential purposes in accordance with the Development Code requirements.
2. The plight of the property owner is due to circumstances created by the property owner and not unique to the property. The act of the minor subdivision itself is a circumstance created by the property owner. While the property exceeds the lot area required to create two parcels, the depth of the Parcel A is substandard to the minimum 125-foot lot depth required. The desire to subdivide the property creates this circumstance.
3. The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The development pattern of this neighborhood consists of large residential lots with depths that exceed the R1 zoning district standards. The average lot area of parcels in the immediate area is 27,242 square feet and the average lot depth on the west side of Rustic Place north of the property is 198.7 feet. The smaller lot areas of Parcel A and B, the 100-foot depth for Parcel B alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Johnson, Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Martin
Nays: None

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT REVIEW - 244 GRAND AVENUE AND 244 OWASSO BOULEVARD NORTH

Presentation by City Planner Kathleen Castle

Zawadski Homes seeks to redevelop the property at 244 Grand Avenue, 244 North Owasso Boulevard and vacant adjacent land. Zawadski Homes has entered into a purchase agreement with the property owner and proposes to subdivide the property into 10 lots for single-family residential homes. The entire redevelopment property consists of 2.75 acres. There is one existing single-family home with frontage on Grand Avenue. The plat shows 60 feet of road right-of-way for the access streets and 20 feet for existing alleyways. The streets and alleys are in public ownership, although some of the roads and alleys are not improved. The platted street of Grand Avenue that extends west from Soo Street to the east shore of Lake Wabasso is not improved. The entire length of North Owasso Boulevard is improved. Sanitary sewer and water are provided in the improved portions of road right-of-way. There is an unimproved alley between Grand Avenue and North Owasso Boulevard, and an unimproved section of Centre Street across the property. The proposal shows three lots that would front on the unimproved portion of Grand Avenue and be accessed by private drives from Centre Street to the alley with access to the back of the homes. This would be a deviation from current standards, and PUD zoning is proposed. The proposal seeks vacation of public right-of-way.

No formal action is taken during a Concept Review. The purpose is for review and comment by the Planning Commission, City Council and public.

The proposed development is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan for low density residential (RL) development in this area at 0 to 4 units per acre. The proposal is for 3.65 units per acre. It is also compatible with adjoining land uses designated as RL. The platted parcels comply with R1 district standards and have frontage on public roads. The key issue is access with private drives, storm water management and street vacations. Vacation is requested for Centre Street and a portion of the alleyway, which are used by some residents to access rear yards of their property. Staff has concerns about maintenance of private drives and perceived ownership and public safety.

In 2019, the Capital Improvement Program identifies the entire area for street and storm water improvements. As a result of this application, the City is considering the possibility of implementing some of the improvements in 2014, such as improving Grand Avenue to the Janice alley to eliminate the need for a private drive access.

Property owners within 350 feet were notified of the proposal. Comments received expressed concerns about changing the character of the neighborhood, traffic, vegetation and wildlife. There is also concern about the use of alleyways and the impact of the needed street vacations. Residents would like to see better access for public safety. The alleyways are used, and residents would be impacted by any vacation.

Mr. Lee Bringleson, 277 North Owasso Boulevard, stated that for the last 18 years his family has been the sole source of upkeep and maintenance for Centre Street and the alley. If 10 feet of the alley were vacated, that would leave him 8 to 10 feet to access his garage and no access if the entire alley is vacated. He has no issue with development but wants to be sure to maintain access to his home from Centre Street and the alley.

Commissioner Proud stated that a PUD involves deviation from standards with a return benefit for the City. With this proposal, he does not see a return benefit. It will impose a hardship on new homeowners with long private driveways. There is also pressure on the City to accelerate street improvements. He would like to see any development wait until the streets have been improved and a much nicer plan developed for this area.

Mr. Brian Klassen, 277 North Owasso Boulevard, stated that Centre Street is used to access the rear of his property. He is present to monitor what happens to Centre Street. If the City has no plans to improve Centre Street, he would suggest dividing it up among the neighbors for their use.

Councilmember Withhart expressed concern about the long driveways and right-of-way. He suggested it is the developer's responsibility to improve the road. Mr. Maloney responded that there is an odd collection of alleys and roads in the area. At this time the City is trying to determine what portion of the road project could be done to accommodate development and he would expect that the developer would pay for road improvements that benefit the development. The most complicated part is storm water drainage for the entire neighborhood.

Councilmember Withhart stated that he would like to see Grand Avenue make a loop to provide access to homes rather than using alleys. Another concern would be that this is not an area where a block of similar looking homes would fit. He would encourage the southern lots to not have driveways off Owasso but keep the alley in public domain with traffic access off Centre Street.

Councilmember Quigley stated that putting in long private driveways would not be right. The proposal takes bits and pieces to try to fit together.

Mayor Martin stated that she does not mind uniformity in development. Her concern is the burdensome process with right-of-ways and shared driveways, when there will be a public project within a few years. She would like to see 10 new lots and would like to see as much of the road improvement accelerated to simplify access.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that it is premature to do the development until after the street improvements are done. She would be reluctant to give up any existing right-of-way until it is known how the streets will be improved. She cannot support the development with long shared driveways that could be a problem for neighbors.

Steve Zawadski, the applicant, stated that he understands private drives are not acceptable but is trying to provide access without knowing the final road design. The homes shown are not the final design but a placeholder design as an example. He thanked the Council and staff for this concept process that helps him better understand what is needed. He assured the Council that he will work with the homeowners who live there.

It was the consensus of the Council that access to existing homes be preserved, that all homes have frontage on a public street and that whatever can be done to accelerate the road improvements for development be considered.

DESIGNATION OF LEGAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2014

City Manager Schwerm reported two bids, one from the Arden Hills Bulletin which is lower than the bid from the Shoreview Press. While the Shoreview Press provides better City coverage, there is difficulty for legal notices because it is published bi-weekly. Staff is recommending use of the Arden Hills Bulletin for the legal newspaper.

MOTION: by Councilmember Wickstrom, seconded by Councilmember Quigley to designate the Shoreview-Arden Hills Bulletin as the legal newspaper for the City of Shoreview for the 2014 calendar year.

Discussion:

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that she would appreciate it if the Shoreview-Arden Hills Bulletin would provide better coverage for Shoreview.

Mayor Martin stated that she would like to see the Shoreview Press find the means to return to weekly publication because that newspaper provides the best coverage for the City.

Councilmember Withhart asked if progress has been made to use the City's website for legal notices rather than the newspaper. Mr. Schwerm stated that the League of Minnesota Cities is lobbying for this change, but it has not passed yet.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Quigley, Wickstrom, Withhart, Johnson, Martin
Nays: None

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

City Manager Schwerm stated that there are two committees with no recommendations. The Lake Regulations Committee is allowed 7 to 9 members and currently has 3 members serving with one seeking reappointment. Two additional people have expressed interest. He has proposed a joint meeting with the City Council at its February workshop to discuss the future of the Committee before any appointments or reappointments are made.

Mayor Martin agreed that the Council would hold off on any appointments to the Lake Regulations Committee until meeting with them.

The Planning Commission applicants have been interviewed. There are two vacancies.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to nominate Deborah Ferrington and Kent Peterson to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mr. Schwerm noted that with Mr. Peterson's appointment to the Planning Commission, there is an additional vacancy on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Wickstrom stated that she would like to see Muriel Zhou and Ted Haaf be appointed to the Bikeways and Trails Committee.

Mayor Martin noted that Craig John was unable to be interviewed but indicated an interest in Bikeways and Trails, Park and Recreation and the Planning Commission. It was the consensus of the Council to appoint Mr. John to fill Kent Peterson's vacancy on the Park and Recreation Commission.

MOTION: by Councilmember Quigley, seconded by Councilmember Wickstrom to appoint the following individuals to their respective committees/commissions for terms expiring January 31, 2017:

Bikeways and Trails Committee	Muriel Zhou Ted Haaf
Economic Development Commission	Jason Schaller
Environmental Quality Committee	Paige Ahlberg Lynne Holte
Human Rights Commission	Mary Yee Johnson Lisa Wedell Ueki
Parks and Recreation	Sarah Bohnen Craig John
Public Safety Committee	Edward Povlinski Treverse Guess Nicole Hertel

Fire Department Benefit Association

Delegate: Councilmember Withhart
 Alternate: Councilmember Quigley

League of Minnesota Cities

Delegate: Councilmember Wickstrom
 Alternate:

Municipal Legislative Commission

Delegate: Mayor Martin
 Alternate: City Manager Schwerm

North Suburban Communications Commission

Delegate: Councilmember Wickstrom
 Alternate: City Manager Schwerm

Northeast Youth and Family Services

Delegate: Councilmember Johnson
 Alternate: Mayor Martin

Ramsey County League of Local Governments

Delegate: Councilmember Quigley
 Alternate: Councilmember Johnson

Suburban Rate Authority

Delegate: Public Works Director Maloney
 Alternate:

Metro Cities (Association of Metropolitan Municipalities)

Delegate: Councilmember Wickstrom
 Alternate:

Acting Mayor

Delegate: Councilmember Wickstrom

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Councilmember Withhart, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Mayor Martin declared the meeting adjourned.

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON THE 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2014.

Terry Schwerm
City Manager