

**NEWTON-NORTH NEWTON PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2020**

Members Present: **Newton:** Carl Harris (3-0), Brian Scott (3-0), Arlan Newell (3-0), Dan Harder (2-1)

North Newton: Tyson Weidenbener (3-0), Gary Roth (3-0), Joe Slechta (2-1)

Members Absent: **Newton:** Jay Sommerfeld (1-2), Denise Goodnite (2-1)

[Note: attendance-recording period runs from 5-1-2020 to 4-30-2021]

Staff Present: **Newton:** Justin Erickson, Building and Zoning Supervisor
Chris Towle, City Attorney
Sara Schmidt, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant

The Newton-North Newton Area Planning Commission met on October 5, 2020 in a regular meeting at the Newton City Hall commission chambers, 201 E. 6th Street, Newton. At 6:00 p.m., a quorum was present, and Chair Weidenbener called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Consider approval of the July 6, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Scott seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Consider and hold a public hearing on a Special Use Permit Application for Trinity Heights United Methodist to install a digital sign at 1200 Boyd Ave.

A summary of the Special Use Permit Application was presented to the Commission. The Special Use Permit would allow the Church to replace the current message board with a digital sign. If approved, the Special Use Permit would be discussed at the October 13, 2020 City Commission meeting where a final motion would be made. Discussion was held over the location, size, and operation hours of the digital sign.

Commissioner Newell asked if a conflict of interest is present due to the fact that he lives within the Boyd Ave. neighborhood. Staff advised that no conflict of interest was present.

Chair Weidenbener opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Willis Heck thanked staff for their helpfulness throughout the application process.

There being no one else to speak, Chair Weidenbener closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m., and discussion was brought back to the bench.

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Scott seconded to approve the Special Use Permit with the conditions the digital sign must be placed in the same location and of the same size as the current message board and shall only be operated during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Sara Schmidt
Recording Secretary