

City of Whitewater
Zoning Code Update Meeting
Whitewater Municipal Building
City Manager Meeting Room
September 29, 2015

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order by Cameron Clapper at 7:06 pm.
- Present: Cameron Clapper, Christine Munz-Pritchard, Stephanie Abbott, Ken Kidd, Christopher Grady, Wally McDonell, Chris Welsh.

2. Review Proposed Zoning Changes

- Motion by Chris Grady, second by Ken Kidd to appoint Stephanie Abbott as Chair of the committee. Motion passed, All-0.
- Christine Munz-Pritchard presented committee members with a binder of materials including a copy of the proposed zoning changes and copies of the two most recent presentations provided to the Common Council on the changes.
- Committee members discussed their purpose relative to the proposed zoning code changes and issues/concerns to address.
- Grady suggested that before moving forward in the discussion that the committee should identify the problems to address.
- Cameron Clapper reviewed the takeaways from the Graef memorandum on Whitewater parking issues dated November 25, 2014. The memorandum, which was included in the materials binder presented to the committee, listed several points to consider in coming discussions.
- Committee members agreed that parking and stormwater issues should be reviewed and included together in any recommendation to the Common Council and should not be split off into separate recommendations.

3. Parking changes and Approval Timeline

- It was the general sentiment of all involved that much of the parking issue could be resolved by first addressing impervious surface requirements.

4. Impervious Surface and Approval Timeline

- Some discussion of moving stormwater/impervious surface to a separate section of code. One concern voiced in the discussion was related to neighborhood/community aesthetics. The concern was that aesthetics and context issues with future developments/improvements may not be addressed if the stormwater language was located elsewhere in the zoning code. Munz-Pritchard stated that aesthetics issues could be addressed through existing lot requirements.
- Abbott suggested the committee look at requirements for each zoning district and/or neighborhood individually taking into account aesthetics and lot requirements.
- One suggestion provided during the discussion was to look at the manner in which the City of Madison and/or other communities address these situations.
- Staff was directed to look at the percent of existing impervious surface coverage in areas zoned as R-1 or R-2 and then look at mitigation strategies for dealing with situations where the proposed development/improvement exceeds lot coverage limits.
- Committee members also agreed that a percentage threshold within the areas zoned R-1 and R-2 may be appropriate.

5. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be held on October 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm with the primary area of focus being impervious surface regulations.

6. Adjournment

- Motion by Grady to adjourn. Second by Abbott. Motion passed, All-0 at 8:55 pm.