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### **Minutes Mower County Planning Commission**

Members Present: Gary Braaten, Oliver Hillier, Don Olson, Keith Voorhees.

Members Absent: Duane Hanson, Greta Kraushaar, Meri Jo Loneragan.

Others Present: Daryl W. Franklin.

Vice-Chair Don Olson called the special meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 1994, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Prior to the meeting it was explained that the Board of Commissioners would be acting on the recommendation of the Planning Commission on December 13, 1994. The neighbors voiced opposition. Minutes of the November 29, 1994; meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Gary Braaten, seconded by Oliver Hillier. The motion passed unanimously.

**Rehearing of Change of One Non-Conforming Use to Another - Daniel Rouse** - Change of non-conforming use to another to allow petitioner to build an addition to a building so that he can store other personal items and a semi-truck in Dinsmoor Acres, Austin Township. Staff report was presented. Reference was made to the on-site visit by the investigating committee consisting of the entire Planning Commission on November 23, 1994. Joy Rouse explained that the building was not large enough to store their equipment and do minor repair on their truck. Don Olson questioned the Mrs. Rouse about two semi-trucks present on the property. Joy Rouse explained that they told the County Board at their meeting that they would have two semi-trucks. Greg Soderberg stated that he did not see anything wrong with the building and it looks OK. Ann Christianson who lives across the street is concerned about the headlights shining on her property and that there was insufficient notification the first hearing. Gerald Wilde doesn't want the trucks in the area because it is being developed in a residential area. Mrs. Lickeig complained about

the smell of the trucks. Mary Ann Lueders was concerned about the non-conforming use of the property, noise of two semi-trucks and also about the notification. She stated that she complained to the Rouse's about burning at the site. Ms. Lueders said Darlene Edge operates a daycare center and could not make it to the meeting, she was concerned about the change of one non-conforming use to another. Greg Soderberg felt that people were making it worse then it was. Ken and Ann Christianson were concerned about safety issues. Nancy Towne was concerned about health issues and felt the building should be removed. Major issues discussed were health issues, pollution, and notification. Mrs. Wilde was concerned that the property would not be annexed into the City of Austin because of the building. After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary Braaten, seconded by Oliver Hillier, to table the change of one non-conforming use to another until a special meeting in January and instruct that the Rouse's do no additional work on the building until the hearing is resolved by the County Board. Motion passed unanimously. It was requested that Pat Oman be present at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**Other Business - Meeting Times:** After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary Braaten, seconded by Oliver Hillier, to not have a winter afternoon meeting schedule and have night meetings all year round. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on motion by Gary Braaten, seconded by Keith Voorhees. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin  
Planning Director