

Mower County Planning Commission

Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Diane Benson, Harold Boverhuis, Brian McAlister, Len Miller, Oliver Hillier, Don Olson, Keith Voorhees.

Members Absent: Meri Jo Lonergan.

Others Present: Lee Bonorden (Austin Daily Herald), Citizens, Daryl W. Franklin, Jon Erichson (City Engineer)

Chair Len Miller called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 1996, in Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave, NE, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the June 25, 1996; meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Keith Voorhees, seconded by Brian McAlister. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Erichson presented background that the airport was expanded in 1980, to a 4,800 foot runway. The question of a joint airport was looked at by the two (2) city counsels, and the decision was made that it is in the best interest of Austin to have its own airport. The City then proceeded to hire a consulting firm to look at several options. The option selected calls for an ultimate length of 6500 feet, which would be a 1700 foot extension. This would require the realignment of portions of County State Aid Hwy. 3 and 28th Street NE. There would be 18 homes acquired. The total cost of this proposal is estimated at \$7.2 million. Funding would be from the various federal and state sources. Mr. Erichson explained that the funding cycle is rather tight at the present time. He also explained that the City is currently working on an EAW and EIS for the facility, which may actually limit the options. Len Miller raised a concern with the noise of the air craft on the residential area. Jon explained that as the project goes further, he will be coming in front of the Planning Commission and County to request certain zoning activities if they are necessary. The Commission thanked Mr. Erichson for his presentation.

Rezoning # - Tom Ferguson & Dawn Ferguson - The staff report was presented and discussion took place on the onsite investigation by the Planning Commission with Mr. Ferguson. It was also explained that the petition is not for 66 acres but is a property described and located in the SE1/4 of Section 14, Frankford Township, T103N R14W, and parcel 300 ft North & South x 945 ft East & West, containing 6.512 acres. Mr. Ferguson explained that he wanted to move his RV operation there so he could do the RV Sales and Service. There may be

times when he would be doing selling of other motorized vehicles, taken in on trade. Len Miller asked for those opposed to it. Gary Goettelman spoke stating that he was very much opposed to this and that should not be approved, because the original establishment of the track was not in accordance with the Mower County Zoning Regulations. He presented documents to the Planning Commission. Chair, Len Miller, explained that the Planning Commission was simply dealing with this zoning and that we had an opinion from the attorney that the racetrack operation was in accordance with County Code and that is not an issue for discussion. A property owner, approximately two (2) miles away, was voicing a concern about noise. Lawrence Zimmermann, property owner to the west across 63, was also concerned on the noise. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Brian McAlister to enter into a contract for the Rezoning of the N 300' x E 945.49' property described from above. For a RV and Accessories Sales & Service, vehicle sales, including all motorized vehicles and trailers.

Role call was taken on the vote. Brian McAlister - yes; Don Olson - yes; Oliver Hillier - yes; Harold Boverhuis - yes; Keith Voorhees - yes; Diane Benson - no. The motion passed 5 to 1. The Chair doesn't vote. Information was given that the County Board would be holding their meeting on September 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the new Austin Library, at 323 4th Ave NE, Austin, Minnesota.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Diane Benson, seconded by Brian McAlister. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director