

**MINUTES
AUSTIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
5:30 P.M.
AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bremner, Laura Helle, Steve Kime, Jay Lutz, Jim Mino, Troy Nelson, and Lynn Spainhower

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Siems and Aaron Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Wallace and public

Commissioner Kime called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Bremner made a motion to approve the August 16, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Lutz seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: To consider a request from Hormel Foods, 1101 North Main Street, Austin, Minnesota for a conditional use permit for a private, non-commercial bike trail.

This conditional use permit is requested as a portion of a bike trail is located on city property and the petitioner would like it to remain a private, non-commercial bike trail. The bike trail is located on property owned by Hormel Foods, located in Mower County, Lansing Township, and the City of Mapleview. The side east of the property is located in the flood plain and to the west is Todd Park.

Ms. Wallace went over the applicable ordinance provisions and staff recommendations. The Cedar River and Wolf Creek go thru the bike trail. Commissioner Kime indicated the High School Cycling League of the MSHSL uses this bike trail as one of their six locations for an event. Southern Minnesota Bike Club and Austin Mountain Bike Team utilize the trail as well. Publication and mailings were sent out with no response received.

Commissioner Bremner made a motion to approve the conditional use permit including the following revised staff recommendations.

1. Must comply with floodplain and shoreland ordinance(s).
2. Permanent structures allowed outside floodplain.
3. Hours of operation from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.
4. Parking off of floodplain area.
5. Maintain trail.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Mino seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.