

**WALKER PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING
February 27th, 2012
6:00 p.m. 701 Elm Street Walker Fire Hall Meeting Room**

1. **Call to Order** 6:00 p.m. by Chair Wilkening
2. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Jane Ekholm, Rich Hansen, Char Moore, Greg Smith, Gary Wilkening.
Members Absent: Jeff Holly
Staff: Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator (ZA)
Others: none
3. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:**
None
4. **Announcements by Chair:** Welcome to Commissioner Moore as a designated Councilmember to the planning commission.
5. **Motion to approve minutes from January 30th, 2012 Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment.**

M/S/A of minutes: Ekholm/Hansen (4-0) (Chair did not vote)
6. **Building/Zoning Report.** The January report was recapped by Chair Wilkening.
7. **Discussion on draft telecommunications tower ordinance amendments.** Chair Wilkening asked the Zoning Administrator to review the proposed changes to the telecommunications ordinance. Commissioner Ekholm suggested adding language to protect the visual aesthetics of the skyline. Commissioner Ekholm and Commissioner Wilkening suggesting clarifying section 155.03 by specifying the requirements as “additional” on city-owned property. It was recommended to leave the sections that specifically referred to towers on city-owned property. Recommended to contact Kerry Swenson at Cass County for Public Safety information. Recommended to add current variance language. Recommended that ZA review Maplewood ordinance for any additional information. ZA to reformat draft with changes and forward to PC members, Cass County, and Tom Knight of the Leech Lake Television Corporation.
8. **Additional Concerns:** Commissioner Moore brought up the open position on the planning commission and the need to advertise for a new member to fill Bob Moore’s expired term. The Planning Commission recommended the opening be included in the newsletter, and an article placed in the Pilot Independent.
9. **Adjourn.** The meeting of the Planning Commission was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Gary Wilkening, Chair

Edy Asell, Zoning Administrator