

Planning & Development Division

Planning & Economic Development Department

Room 160 411 West First Street Duluth, Minnesota 55802



Brownbag Work Session of the Planning Commission Tuesday, August 27, 2019 - 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Conference Room 155

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Sarah Wisdorf, Janet Kennedy, Gary Eckenberg and Margie Nelson, Andrea Wedul (arrived late)

2. <u>Discussion</u>

- A- UDC Text Amendments (Tiny House, Shipping Containers/Temporary Structures, Craft Brewing, Tree Preservation)
- B- Items of Note for September PC meeting

Steven Robertson noted there is no quorum, which is okay because this if for discussion only.

Robertson reviewed cottage housing standards.

Commission discussed density of these developments, and how many could fit on a single lot. They discussed the appropriate maximum size for cottage houses. Sarah Wisdorf asked about utility connections.

Janet Kennedy asked how these relate to affordable housing.

Robertson will clarify density requirements, and utilities being provided.

Gary Eckenberg said that these should not be campgrounds. Robertson will clarify.

Commissioners discussed utility connections.

Robertson raises issue of off-street parking for ADVs. Commission discusses the issue.

Commissioners suggest we leave the ADV requirement for parking as-is.

Robertson presented the issue of design standards for tiny houses and ADVs.

Eckenberg would like similarity of these structures with principle dwelling, but is opposed to the idea in general. Refers to GND Habitat project that is unbalanced.

Wisdorf would not like front door regulation – too proscriptive.

Focus on aesthetics versus function.