

**Town of Duluth  
Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Jo Thompson.

Present: Jo Thompson, Wayne Dahlberg, John Schifsky, Jerry Hauge, Larry Zanko, Liz Strohmayer and Dave Edblom.

Absent: No one.

Also present: Sue Lawson, Planning Director and Rolf Carlson, Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The January minutes were approved with no changes.

**New Business**

None

**Director's Report**

Jo said that there was stormwater training available again. She sent the information to Sue and Dave Edblom. Sue suggested letting the Town Board know about it, too.

Sue said that the Community Steering Group for revising the Comprehensive Land Use Plan met last week and put together a very rough draft of core community values. The values that were received from the community survey fit into three broad categories: ruralness, natural environment and community. The CSG provided values, as well. The CSG split into three groups corresponding to the three categories and their interests. They then sorted the comments to identify common core values.

Sue is applying for another coastal program grant to fund the last part of the CLUP revision project. The last part will consist of defining and writing goals and policies, as well as some implementation. This phase will begin in September.

Wayne said he attended the CLUP CSG meeting as an observer. After hearing introductions of the members of the group, he realized that there was not anyone representing the Greenwood Beach area.

Jo said that there were several community members from that area who were invited to participate on the CSG, but they all declined.

Sue said that she understood his concerns, however open houses will provide additional opportunities for comments from the community.

Wayne said that, based on past experience, there will be controversy over the concept of rural character.

Liz noted that rural character is very much in the eye of the beholder.

Sue said that there will be a two day conference March 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> at NRRI and UMD called Our Climate Futures. The keynote speaker is Jesse Keenan. The schedule can be found online at NRRI's website.

Rolf said that the MN Court of Appeals upheld the appeal on the Bille variance.

**Old Business**

None.

**Concerns from the Audience**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01.