

**Minnetonka Planning Commission  
Minutes**

**March 16, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Sewall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners Waterman, Banks, Hanson, Henry, Maxwell, Powers and Sewall were present.

Staff members present: City Planner Loren Gordon and Assistant City Planner Susan Thomas.

**3. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.

**4. Approval of Minutes:** March 2, 2023

***Banks moved, second by Waterman, to approve the March 2, 2023 meeting minutes as submitted.***

***Waterman, Banks, Hanson, Henry, Maxwell, Powers and Sewall voted yes. Motion carried.***

**5. Report from Staff**

Gordon briefed the commission on the upcoming planning commission meetings scheduled to be held on March 30, 2023 and April 20, 2023.

**6. Report from Planning Commission Members:** None

**7. Public Hearings: Consent Agenda:** None

**8. Public Hearings**

**A. Conditional use permit for a restaurant with outdoor seating at 1805 Plymouth Road.**

Chair Sewall introduced the proposal and called for the staff report.

Thomas reported. She recommended approval of the application based on the findings and subject to the conditions listed in the staff report.

Roger Lenehan of Cambridge Commercial Real Estate, representing the applicant, stated that:

- He talked to a Firestone employee who was amenable to accommodating overflow parking for the anticipated rush expected to occur for the first couple months of the restaurant opening.
- He anticipates opening 15 new restaurants in the metro area of Minnesota.
- The expected date to open would be July or August of 2023.

The public hearing was opened. No testimony was submitted and the hearing was closed.

Hanson felt the use would be a good fit for the site. He looks forward to its completion.

Chair Sewall encouraged the applicant to work with the neighboring businesses to accommodate additional parking during the restaurant's initial opening rush.

***Powers moved, second by Maxwell, to recommend that the city council adopt the resolution approving a conditional use permit for a restaurant with an outdoor seating area at 1805 Plymouth Road.***

***Waterman, Banks, Hanson, Henry, Maxwell, Powers and Sewall. Motion carried.***

The city council is scheduled to review this item on April 17, 2023.

## 9. Adjournment

***Waterman moved, second by Henry, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.***

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lois T. Mason  
Planning Secretary