Crystal Airport (MIC) Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2022
Brooklyn Park City Hall
5200 85th Avenue N, Brooklyn Park MN

Chair Rick Weyrauch convened Crystal's Joint Airport Zoning Board meeting at 3:20 PM.

Members attending in person:

Chair, Rick Weyrauch, Voting Member

Brooklyn Center, Ginny McIntosh, Voting Member

Brooklyn Center, Olivia Boerschinger, Alternate Member

City of Brooklyn Park, Paul Mogush, Voting Member

City of Brooklyn Park, Wynfred Russel, Voting Member

City of Crystal, Dan Olson, Voting Member

City of New Hope, Jeff Alger, Voting Member

City of New Hope, Jeff Sargent, Voting Member

Robbinsdale, Rick Pearson, Voting Member

Others in attendance:

Evan Wilson, Kelly Gerads, Rebecca Townsend – MAC Staff; Evan Barrett - Mead & Hunt (JAZB consultant); Amber Turnquist – Public

Others attending remotely:

Eric Gilles, Brad Juffer, Bridget Rief – MAC Staff; Junior Lindsay – MnDOT, Ellen Grubbs – Public

1. ROLL CALL

Rebecca Townsend, JAZB secretary, took roll call.

2. WELCOME AND AGENDA OVERVIEW

Chair Rick Weyrauch welcomed the board members and oriented them to the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11 MEETING

Weyrauch asked if everyone had had a chance to review the minutes from the last meeting, then entertained a motion.

GINNY MCINTOSH FROM BROOKLYN CENTER MOVED TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2022. PAUL MOGUSH FROM THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK SECONDED.

THE MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4. GOALS FOR THE CRYSTAL AIRPORT JAZB

Eric Gilles, new Airport Planner for the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), introduced himself, and refreshed the board on the goals of the JAZB.

5. PRESENTATION OF CUSTOM ZONING FACTORS

Gilles continued by presenting the custom zoning factors, with slides 7 and 8. Evan Barrett, Mead & Hunt Planning Consultant for the MAC, picked up with slide 9.

6. EXAMPLE CUSTOM ZONE FOR DISCUSSION

Barrett presented information regarding an example custom zone for the Crystal Airport (slide 34 and following).

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Weyrauch asked if there were any comments from the public at this time. There were none.

8. BOARD DISCUSSION ON CUSTOM ZONING FACTORS AND EXAMPLE CUSTOM ZONE

Weyrauch asked if the example custom zoning factors were acceptable as presented. If so, the next step would be to motion to direct MAC to prepare a draft zoning ordinance for review at the next meeting, unless anyone needed to discuss first with their municipality.

Barrett offered to fulfill any requests for the backup resources of the information presented.

McIntosh requested an overlay of proposed zoning with the current zoning.

Barrett answered that there would be no change, practically speaking, except that there will be less height restriction with the proposed than the current zoning.

Dan Olson of the City of Crystal asked for airspace height restrictions per property.

Barrett offered a table of height restrictions per grid segment.

Olson expanded that the proposed light rail and re-development area would benefit from a table of these restrictions.

Paul Mogush, with Brooklyn Park, said this would benefit Brooklyn Park as well, and asked if Crystal and Brooklyn Park could send in their areas of concern.

Barrett agreed that he could look at it before the next meeting, though the basic gridwork is likely to resolve property questions.

Weyrauch explained that the draft zoning ordinance at the next meeting will be much more detailed and is likely to address property questions.

MOGUSH MOTIONED TO REQUEST THAT MAC CREATE A FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR A CUSTOM AIRPORT ZONING ORDINANCE BASED ON THE EXAMPLE

CUSTOM ZONING SHOWN ON SLIDE 41. WYNFRED RUSSELL, CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK, SECONDED.

THE MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

Board determined that the next meeting will be October 12 at 3-4:45 pm, in the same location.

10. ADJOURN

RUSSELL MOVED TO ADJOURN.
THE MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.