

P&Z Report – July 27, 2021

The Honorable Michael Kidd
and Members of the City Council
Dallas Center, IA 50063

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council:

The Dallas Center Plan & Zoning Commission met Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. at Memorial Hall with the following Commission members present: Kari Boscaljon, Thomas Strutt, Daniel Willrich and Matt Ostanik. Also participating were City Attorney Ralph Brown and City Engineer Bob Veenstra.

Public Communications

Julie Becker and Bob Haxton stated concerns about receiving P&Z meeting materials. City Attorney Ralph Brown stated that anyone can receive the meeting materials by submitting a public records request.

Requirements for Fences

The Commission discussed feedback from City Council members about the proposed new requirements for residential fences. The Commission agreed to continue discussion about this topic at our August meeting.

Zoning for Potential New Development

The Commission discussed zoning requirements for a potential new development that would allow for smaller residential lot sizes. No action was taken.

Comprehensive Plan Update Process

The Commission briefly discussed the online public survey that will be conducted in September for the comprehensive plan update. We also briefly discussed scheduling for public workshops and a joint meeting with the Parks & Rec Board.

Future Planning Boundaries

The Commission continued discussion with Bob Veenstra about our planning boundaries for the updated comprehensive plan. We have proposed expanding our planning boundaries in the southwest and in the east. The discussion included considerations such as topography, planning boundaries for neighboring cities, our

ability to provide water or sewer service, and the City's agreement with Xenia. After discussion, Daniel Willrich moved and Kari Boscaljon seconded to recommend that City Council adopt the revised planning boundaries. The motion passed 4-0.

After additional discussion, Thomas Strutt then moved to recommend adjusting the planning boundary in the northwest corner of the city slightly to the north, and Kari Boscaljon seconded. This motion also passed 4-0.

We plan to discuss the planning boundaries recommendation in more detail with City Council at the September 2021 City Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Ostanik
P&Z Commission Chair