

**MAHTOMEDI JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2018**

Mayor Marshall convened the City Council Workshop meeting at 5:30 p.m. with Council members Richard Brainerd, Tim Deans and Steve Wolgamot in attendance. Planning Commission members Alex Rogosheske, Tracy Jones, Susan Stewart, Mike Hedquist and Chantell Knauss, Developers Paul Steinouser, Harold Teasdale, Roger Tomten, City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Planner Erin Perdu, City Engineer John Sachi and Account Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Council member Brainerd moved and Planning Commission member Stewart seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSS POCKET NEIGHBORHOODS

Developer Roger Tomten explained the Pocket Neighborhood concept. He said the neighborhood consists of smaller homes, on smaller lots, closer together with shared green space. He said the goal is to have a site that has ¼ mile walking distance to a downtown area, schools and libraries. He explained they look at the land, wetlands, trees, topography, etc. when determining if a site will work. They want to create a community with neighbors, not just build homes.

Mr. Tomten said there is a potential site in Mahtomedi that they are looking at for this type of neighborhood. He said this information is all preliminary since they have not completed any wetland delineations or soil samples or purchased the property. The neighborhood would have 13 homes with shared social green space. The street leading into the neighborhood would be a city street, wrapped with a carriageway. The homes could range from 800-900 square feet for a one level to 1600-1800 square feet for a two level home.

City Council member Brainerd said he is in favor of this idea.

Planning Commission member Stewart stated she likes the concept; she likes the smaller homes and the common areas.

Planning Commission member Knauss said she likes the cluster development concept; she wants the developer to be careful when designing the streets.

The consensus of the city council and planning commission members is they like this concept.

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ADJOURNMENT

The workshop was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

**JERENE ROGERS
ACCOUNT CLERK**

**JUD MARSHALL,
MAYOR**