



JOINT LGU MEETING AGENDA

Location: Old Mill Building 527 Lake Shore Dr. NE (Parking in Sanford Lot)

Date: Wednesday June 15th, 2022

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Meeting called by Chair

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Dinner/Introduction**

5:30 PM – 5:35 PM **Start of Meeting**

Roll Call | Chair

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of November 16th, 2021 LGU Minutes

5:35 PM – 6:20 PM **New Business**

General Topics of Interest by the LGU's | Chair

JPB Offices

Fall Tour?

6:20 PM – 6:25 PM **Old Business**

Elliot Road

6:25 – 6:30 **Upcoming Meeting**

Set Next Meeting Fall/Winter 2022

6:30 – 6:59 **South Shore Walking Tour**

The Bixby & Boardwalk

7:00 PM Adjourn

**MEETING MINUTES
GREATER BEMIDJI AREA
JOINT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT MEETING**

June 15, 2022
5:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers
317 4th St NW

CALL TO ORDER: Joint Planning Board Chair, Jorge Prince, called the regular meeting of the Joint Local Government Unit to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, and the pledge of allegiance was performed.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Johnson (6:25), Daniel Jourdain, Josh Peterson, Jorge Prince, Audrey Thayer, Lynn Eaton, Gary Barnard, Jess Frenzel, Mike Kelly, Chris Lahn, Jeremy Berg, Tim Faver, Joe Gould, Mike Granlund, Don Heinonen, Nicki Lemmer, Clark Chambers, Allen Steffen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emelie Rivera, Curt Blumhagen, Judy David.

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Jamin Carlson, Planning Administrative Assistant Ainslee Krause, Compliance Inspector and Site Analyst Melissa Fahrenbruch, City Manager Nate Mathews, Assistant City Engineer Sam Anderson, Assistant City Attorney Katie Nolting, Park & Rec Director Marcia Larson (left early).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Heinonen, second by Granlund, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Thayer, second by Peterson, to approve minutes from November 16, 2021 Joint LGU meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Topics of Interest by the LGUs:

JPB Offices:

- Carlson addressed the status of Joint Planning Board Staff's office location.
- Prince noted that City Council has commissioned a study of City Hall for a possible remodel or a complete rebuild.
- Frenzel noted concern with substantial changes in the budget and the desire for Northern Township to be involved in the decision-making process.
- Frenzel noted that Northern Town Hall can be used as a meeting place while City Hall is under construction.

Utility Services Extended to the North End of Lake Bemidji:

- Prince requested an update on services at the north end of Lake Bemidji.
- Frenzel addressed Northern Township's efforts.
- Members discussed options and progress.

Fall Tour:

- Members expressed interest in a tour. Members and Staff discussed.

Community Development Director/Assistant City Manager:

- Members discussed the potential for a new Community Development Director or Assistant City Manager.

Invitation to Minnesota Secretary of State:

- Prince noted Gould's suggestion to invite the Minnesota Secretary of State to an LGU meeting. Members discussed. Gould addressed.

Other Business:

- Frenzel addressed the LGU members regarding best practice.
- Frenzel inquired about staff capacity and workload. Staff and members discussed.
- Fahrenbruch addressed that the SmartGov portal is currently in the build-out phase with hopes to implement in September.
- Members discussed the Community Development Director position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elliot Road NE:

- Frenzel requested City Council and Northern Township consider chip-sealing Elliot Road. Members and Staff discussed.

FUTURE JOINT LGU MEETING DATE:

It was agreed that the next Joint LGU meeting will be in the fall/winter of 2022. Staff will send out a Doodle Poll with proposed dates.

Walking Tour of the South Shore:

The Bixby and Boardwalk.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Motion by Lemmer, second by Peterson, to adjourn the regular Joint Local Government Unit meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ainslee Krause
Planning Administrative Assistant

Approved and attested by:



Joint Planning Board Representative