5/20/2026 - Minutes

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Britta Tonn, Chair; Sue O'Brien; Doug Johnson; Brian Steinmetz

City Staff Present: Ravi Venkataraman, Director of City Planning

Guests Present:

Call to Order by: Britta

Meeting Start Time: 6:01 pm

Minutes Recorded by: Ravi

II. Changes to the Agenda

Sue asked about discussing the letters sent to property owners on the local historic register and scheduling for June.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sue, seconded by Doug, to approve the April 8, 2026 meeting minutes. Voting: unanimous. Motion carried.

V. Discussion: Building Typologies Project

Ravi gave an update on the project, adding that the Planning Commission will be discussing this further during their June 11th meeting. Ravi reviewed the draft recommendations from the consultants. Ravi discussed Planned Unit Development, subdivision requirements, and access requirements. Ravi reviewed the designs the consultants have prepared so far. Doug discussed the 802 Homes program. Ravi gave more information about the 802 Homes program and said that the Building Typologies project and 802 Homes project are distinct in terms of objectives, but have some overlap in regards to design.

Doug asked about potential to add accessory dwellings in the City. Ravi said that the potential is considerable, considering the city's lot dimensions and the variety of floorplans for accessory dwelling units.

Doug asked Brian for his perspective on 802 Homes. Brian said that the project overall create more housing options and opportunities for community members. Sue and Doug discussed how historically residents have added personal touches to houses that were built in a standardized fashion, and buildings with original elements that had been covered up by residents over time.

Doug said that looking at the draft designs for the Building Typologies project, he likes the roofs

that slope to the street, roof lines with dormers, and designs that conceal the massing in the back. Doug said that he doesn't like the half gable with wall planes on the sides. Doug said that he would want to see variety in a street with building articulation and not the same building.

Britta said that the bottom middle column on the design sheet works but the one above does not.

Ravi said that Geoff and Keith will be attending the June 11th Planning Commission meeting to talk more about the project.

VI. City Updates

VII. Other Business

Ravi discussed the letters sent out to property owners who own properties on the Local Historic Register and asked board members to attend the open house on May 28th to answer questions from the public.

Ravi asked about scheduling in June. Britta asked to skip meeting in June and asked Ravi to follow up in July about availability. Ravi said that he will follow up after he returns from vacation on July 8th.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by: Doug

Second:Sue

Meeting End Time: 7:01 pm