The City of White Bear Lake Planning Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Pursuant to a statement issued by the Mayor under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be conducted electronically via WebEx. The meeting room at City Hall will not be open to the public.

1. Call to order and roll call.

2. Approval of the January 25, 2021 agenda.

3. Approval of the November 30, 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

4. **CASE ITEMS:**
   Unless continued, these cases will go to the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

   A. **Case No. 21-1-V**: A request by Dan & Molly Guidinger for a 17.5 foot variance from the 20.5 foot setback required along a side abutting a public right-of-way, per Code Section 1302.030, Subd.20.b.2.d, in order to install a six person hot tub three feet from the north property line at the property located at 4955 Johnson Avenue.

5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
   A. Chair & Vice Chair Elections (current chair and vice both eligible for one more year).
   B. City Council Meeting Summary from January 12, 2021.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regular City Council Meeting .............................................................. January 26, 2020
Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting............................................. February 22, 2020
The regular monthly meeting of the White Bear Lake Planning Commission was called to order on Monday, November 30, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. via WebEx, pursuant to a statement issued by the Mayor under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, by Chair Ken Baltzer.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

   MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Amundsen, Ken Baltzer, Pamela Enz, Mark Lynch, and Erich Reinhardt (7:14 PM).

   MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jim Berry and Peter Reis.

   MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: None.

   STAFF PRESENT: Anne Kane, Community Development Director, Samantha Crosby, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, Connie Taillon, Environmental Specialist, and Ashton Miller, Planning Technician.

   OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Ashby, Nancy Boucher, Allan Boucher, Kevin Rooney, Kerry Troske, Justin Rooney, Mark McKee, Richard Hardwick.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 30, 2020 AGENDA:**

   Member Lynch moved for approval of the agenda. Member Enz seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved (4-0).

3. **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:**

   Member Enz moved for approval of the minutes. Member Lynch seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved (4-0).

4. **CASE ITEMS:**

   A. **Case No. 20-1-P:** A request by 321 Group LLC for a preliminary plat, per Code Section 1402.020, to subdivide one parcel into 9 single-family residential lots on the property located at 1800 County Road E.

   Crosby discussed the case. Staff recommended approval subject to the conditions listed in the report.

   Member Enz asked how the City could address the drainage concerns raised by neighbors. Crosby replied that she could discuss the issue with the City Engineer to improve the maintenance of the existing culvert by the Public Works Department.
Member Lynch asked for more information on the walking path. Crosby explained that it is not currently shown on the plan, but staff would like the utility easement to include pedestrian access. Staff is not requiring trail construction at this time. Member Lynch continued that he would like the proposed trail connecting the cul-de-sac to County Road E to be paved and maintained by the Homeowners Association. He noted it is important to think about the future and a cut through like this would greatly increase the walkability of the neighborhood.

Member Baltzer opened the public hearing.

Nancy Boucher, 3546 Willow Avenue, asked about the difference between a catch basin and a pond, if Outlot A would have standing water, and if there will be a new storm sewer installed to connect to the City’s existing sewer in Dell Street.

Crosby indicated on a graphic that the catch basin will be towards the northeast portion of the lot and that Outlot A will be the pond. The catch basin will not infiltrate water. Taillon added that Outlot A will infiltrate the first 1 inch of water from the development. Anything above 1 inch will pond in the area and that water will flow from the culvert to the City storm pipe in Dell Street.

Allan Boucher, 3546 Willow Avenue, asked if all the water from the property will drain to Outlot A and if the plan is to construct a new pond. They have had drainage issues in the past and are concerned the development may exacerbate the problem.

Taillon responded that the top quarter of the property drains toward County Road E. The bottom portion does drain south to Outlot A. The City’s stormwater standards state that new development cannot make the rate of runoff worse, so the pond is designed to capture the additional water generated from the increase in impervious surface and meter it out to the existing culvert. She added that a brand new pond will be constructed upstream of the existing low area.

Kevin Rooney, 1800 County Road E, son of previous owner Don Rooney, he stated that he will be living on the property. He does not remember standing water on the south side of the property and is not sure how much more runoff will be created from the development.

Allan Boucher confirmed that water does pool in the area when there is significant rainfall.

Kerry Troske, 3535 Rooney Place, agreed that the storm drains are not well maintained in the area, as she has cleaned them out in the past. She asked about the size, height, and cost of the future homes.

Mark Ashby, Applicant, explained that they will be single family homes. Some will be two story, but he anticipates most will be single level, rambler style homes that will cost around 400 to 600 thousand dollars. He noted that due to the price of materials right now, it is hard to build anything for less than $400 thousand.

Member Baltzer closed the public hearing.

Member Lynch wondered if the new pond on Outlot A would be bigger and deeper than what currently exists. Taillon replied that there is not really a pond there now, so yes it will be constructed to hold the runoff produced by the development.
Member Amundsen asked about the platting process. Crosby explained that the preliminary plat is the first step where most of the details are hashed out. Once that is complete, a development agreement is created and a final plat is submitted. If there is no significant change between the preliminary and final plat, it will go straight to City Council for approval. After that, the developer can construct the utilities and road and sell the parcels to individuals for home construction.

Member Lynch moved to recommend approval of Case No. 20-1-P with the condition that the pedestrian cut-through be paved and maintained by the Homeowners Association. Member Enz seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

B. **Case No. 20-19-V**: A request by Alleycat’s for an amendment, per Code Section 1202.040, Subd.2.A, to an existing wall sign variance to allow a portion of the sign to be converted from individual channel letter style to box style. The existing variance being amended is a variance to allow a 35.5 square foot sign on the south elevation in addition to the 50.28 square foot sign on the west elevation, for an end-cap tenant at the property located at 1971 Whitaker Street.

Crosby discussed the case. Staff recommended approval subject to the conditions listed in the report.

Member Amundsen sought clarification on primary and secondary walls. Crosby explained that the primary wall is the one with the entrance, and although the business has two entrances, one is more prominent, making the south elevation the primary wall.

Member Baltzer opened the public hearing. As no one from the public spoke, Member Baltzer closed the public hearing.

Member Enz moved to recommend approval of Case No. 20-19-V. Member Amundsen seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**


In response to Member Lynch’s inquiry, Kane explained that the Traffic Committee is made up of City staff members who hear various traffic related proposals and use scientifically based reasoning to make decisions.


No Discussion.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Member Amundsen moved to adjourn, seconded by Member Enz. The motion passed unanimously (5-0), and the November 30, 2020 Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.
TO: The Planning Commission
FROM: Samantha Crosby, Planning & Zoning Coordinator
DATE: January 20, 2021 for the January 25, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting
SUBJECT Guidinger, 4955 Johnson Avenue - Case No. 21-1-V

REQUEST
The applicant, Dan Guidinger, is requesting a 17.5 foot variance from the 20.5 foot setback along a side abutting a public right-of-way for a hot tub. (The code does include the half-foot requirement.) The 56 square foot (6 person) hot tub would sit on an 8 foot by 8 foot pad 3 feet from the north property line.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS
The subject site is located on the southwest corner of 10th Street & Johnson Avenue. The site is only 4,588 square feet in size when most properties in this neighborhood are at least 7,500. The home has a small two car attached garage and no other accessory structures.

ZONING
The subject property is zoned R4 – Single and Two Family Residential and S – Shoreland Overlay. All surrounding residential properties are zoned the same. The parcel across Johnson to the northwest is West Park, zoned P - Public.

Because the property is in the shoreland overlay district, the house should be 30 feet from the north property line. If that setback were conforming, there would be sufficient space in which to locate the hot tub 20.5 feet from the north property line, in accordance with the zoning code.

BACKGROUND
According to Ramsey County, the house was built in 1902. In 2000, the applicant reconfigured the garage area of the house, rebuilding it on generally the same footprint with only a slightly different configuration and no increase in impervious area.

APPLICANT’S PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY
See applicant’s narrative. Staff confirmed that the flat roof above the garage (which is accessible from the home) does not have the structural capacity to bear the load of the hot tub when filled with water and people. In addition, the deck behind the house is only 7 feet wide and the tub is 7.5 feet x 7.5 feet in size. Therefore, staff agrees that the side abutting a public right-of-way is the only location available besides the front yard.
ANALYSIS
Staff has concerns about permitting such an improvement so close to a street-abutting property line. The proposed setback is even less than the 5 feet typically required for an interior side or rear yard. The request is a sizeable variance – an 85% variance.

The applicant had originally suggested a privacy fence between the hot tub and the street, but fences are limited to 4 feet in height along a side abutting a public right-of-way and 4 feet would not provide the privacy desired. Consequently, the applicant is proposing to install some 5 foot tall evergreen shrubs in the city right-of-way very close to where similar shrubs were previously located before the street was reconstructed in 2018. The Engineering department is generally not enthusiastic about the public right-of-way being used for private improvements, but given that the right-of-way is slightly wider than average in this area and given the relatively easy removal and replacement of shrubs, they have agreed subject to a “responsibility” condition – see condition #7.

The concrete pavers along the west and south side of the house (which are proposed for removal to compensate for the new impervious area associated with the hot tub) were installed by the applicant between 2004 and 2010, without the stormwater mitigation required by code. Staff has concerns about granting “credit” for the removal of pavers that were verifiably installed against code. However, the fact that the size of the removal exceeds the size of the hot tub is beneficial. Therefore, staff has included a condition that if/when the hot-tub is ever removed from the property the impervious area attributed to it is not credited to the property – see condition #8.

SUMMARY
The City has a high level of discretion when approving or denying a variance because the burden of proof is on the applicant to show that they meet the standards of the ordinance. If the proposal is deemed reasonable (meaning that it does not have an adverse effect on neighboring properties, it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and it is harmony with the intent of the zoning code) then the criteria have been met.

The applicant purchased the home knowing the small size of the lot and reduced yard space. While the needs of a family do change over time, it is not always reasonable for every property to accommodate every desire of its owners.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of the variance as requested, but only when subject to the following conditions:

1. All application materials, maps, drawings, and descriptive information submitted in this application shall become part of the permit.

2. The variance shall become null and void if the project has not been completed within one (1) calendar year after the approval date, subject to petition for renewal. Such petition shall be requested in writing and shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to expiration.

3. A zoning permit shall be obtained prior to the installation of the hot tub.
4. The applicant shall verify the property lines and have the property pins exposed at the time of inspection.

5. Prior to the issuance of the zoning permit, the applicant shall remove the pavers and call the planning department for inspection. If the pavers cannot be removed prior to permit an escrow deposit may be held and returned upon verification of removal come Spring.

6. Prior to the issuance of the zoning permit, the applicant shall file a certified copy of the resolution of approval with the County Recorder’s office to ensure that future owners are aware of the conditions contained therein. Proof of filing (i.e., the receipt) shall be provided to the planning department.

7. The arborvitae shrubs shall be maintained by the homeowner for the life of the hot tub. In the event the City, in its sole discretion, determines that the shrubs should be removed, the applicant will remove them within 10 days of written notice from the City, and if not so removed, the City will remove the shrubs at the applicant’s expense. The applicant shall replace any removed shrubs in a timely manner upon written notification.

8. The granting of this variance does not bring the impervious area into conformance. The impervious area associated with the hot tub is NOT grandfathered-in; should the hot tub be removed the pad must also be removed and the impervious area is forfeited and may not be re-established elsewhere on the property.

Attachments:
1. Draft Resolution of Approval
2. Zoning/Location Map
3. Applicant’s Request Narrative
4. Site Plan
5. Impervious Area Calculations
6. Concrete Paver Photos (3 pages)
7. Hot Tub & EZ Pad Specs (3 pages)
RESOLUTION NO.   ________

RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR
4955 JOHNSON AVENUE
WITHIN THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, a proposal (21-1-V) has been submitted by Dan Guidinger to the City Council requesting approval of a variance from the Zoning Code of the City of White Bear Lake for the following location:

LOCATION: 4955 Johnson Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:  Lot 1, A.H. Stem's Subdivision, White Bear Lake, Minnesota (PID # 133022220056)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held a public hearing as required by the city Zoning Code on January 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the advice and recommendations of the Planning Commission regarding the effect of the proposed variance upon the health, safety, and welfare of the community and its Comprehensive Plan, as well as any concerns related to compatibility of uses, traffic, property values, light, air, danger of fire, and risk to public safety in the surrounding areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of White Bear Lake that the City Council accepts and adopts the following findings of the Planning Commission:

1. The requested variance will not:
   a. Impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property.
   b. Unreasonably increase the congestion in the public street.
   c. Increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety.
   d. Unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the neighborhood.

2. Because the roadway is a low-volume, low-speed road, and because the right-of-way is larger than average in this particular location, the variance is a reasonable use of the land or building.

3. Because the screening (evergreen shrubs) have existing in the right-of-way for many years without any known issues or concerns, the variance will not be injurious to the neighborhood.
4. The non-conforming uses of neighboring lands, structures, or buildings in the same district are not the sole grounds for issuance of the variance.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of White Bear Lake hereby approves the requests, subject to the following conditions:

1. All application materials, maps, drawings, and descriptive information submitted in this application shall become part of the permit.

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The foregoing resolution, offered by Councilmember __________________________ and supported by Councilmember __________________________, was declared carried on the following vote:
Ayes: 
Nays: 
Passed: 

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Jo Emerson, Mayor

ATTEST:

______________________________
Kara Coutry, City Clerk

Approval is contingent upon execution and return of this document to the City Planning Office. I have read and agree to the conditions of this resolution as outlined above.

______________________________
Daniel Guidinger       Date
Hi Samantha,
We are proposing to add an 8'x8' hot tub on the North side of our property. As we are on a small corner lot (Our side yard to our North abuts the public right of way), it would require a variance from the 20.5 foot setback from the property line.

When our house and the two adjacent houses were originally moved here(a long time ago, I haven’t found out exactly when), I believe they divided the two standard city lots into three smaller lots which made all of our lots approximately 50’ x 90’. That smaller lot makes it difficult to enjoy our outdoor space. As shown on our site plan, the hot tub will be close to the Northern property line, however on this side, it doesn't encroach on any of our neighbors. There is still a significant amount of lawn to the edge of 10th street.

If approved, we would probably skip the privacy fence and would be open to working with you and the public works dept. on replanting some type of shrubs or similar. Part of the row of Arborvitae on the North side of the property didn't survive after the street reconstruction a couple of years ago. They were very close to the street curb, probably too close. The hot tub will have a child resistant cover installed and be sitting on an 8’ x 8’ plastic base pad. I attached specifications for the tub pad.

I also included impervious surface calculations for the property which currently show slightly over 52% impervious. We can offset the additional hot tub footprint by removing concrete pavers in our backyard. They are 18” x 18” each and made of concrete. There are 75 full size and 8 half-sized backyard pavers for a total of 177.75 sq. ft. I attached 3 photos showing the pavers. They were installed between 2004 - 2010. In fact, by removing all the pavers, we can get slightly under 50% impervious as shown in the attached impervious surface calculations.

As far as for requesting this variance, we really have no other option or space on which to place a hot tub. I realize we don’t have to have a hot tub on our property but we are trying to be creative in enjoying outdoor spaces especially considering the current rules the state has placed on current activities. There is also a considerable amount of open space from our property line to 10th St on the North. 10th St. is a lightly traveled street without much growth or potential expanded use in the future. If you or your staff would think it is helpful, I would be very open to meeting for a site visit. I think it may be easier to see the amount of actual space there is available rather than visualizing through two dimensional maps.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan & Molly Guidinger
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White Bear Lake, MN 55110
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Shown with Arctic White shell (above), Arctic White shell and Ash cabinet with medium oak and brushed nickel accent (below).

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— Makena Owner
Springville, AL
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The EZ Pad modules can be placed on grass, dirt, sand or gravel. For best results, remove sod and prepare a level base. Module can be drilled through for electrical conduit placement. You may use any size crushed rock up to 1 inch and/or pea gravel for leveling.

Each Box Contains:
- (4) 48” x 48” x 2” Modules
- (8) Black EZ Pad connectors
- (16) Phillips Pan head size 14, 1-inch screws

Tools Needed for Assembly:
- #2 Phillips head screwdriver or cordless drill with #2 phillips bit.
- Level
- Shovel
- 2 x 4 for leveling
Greetings
After reviewing the site plan the Guidingers of 4955 Johnson Ave submitted to the planning commission, I’m glad to state my support. As a neighbor at 4943 Johnson I would like to see the project move forward. The Guidingers have made thoughtful enhancements to the neighborhood with projects that maintain the charm and character here. I am absolutely in support of their request to the planning commission.
Respectfully
Jeremy Howard
Good afternoon,

I’m am writing in support of the variance requested by Dan and Molly Guidenger at 4955 Johnson Avenue. I would like to see the project move forward. I am the home owner directly across the street at 2309 10th Street and I believe that the proposed plan would thoughtfully enhance their side yard and be a lovely addition to their home.

Thank You,
Leah Nicholson
(218) 341-5955
CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
January 12, 2021

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approved

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Approved

VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS – Nothing scheduled

PUBLIC HEARINGS – Nothing scheduled

LAND USE – Nothing scheduled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nothing scheduled

ORDINANCES – Conducted second reading, approved.

A. Second reading adoption of the 2021 annual fee and utility rate schedule Ordinance No. 21-2-2046

NEW BUSINESS – Approved

A. Resolution appointing City representatives to Ramsey County League of Local Governments, Ramsey County Dispatch Policy Committee, Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization, Rush Line Task Force and Northeast Youth and Family Services

B. Resolution naming the official newspaper to perform official publications

C. Resolution designating City Attorney, Counselor for 2021

D. Resolution authorizing the City Manager and Mayor to execute an agreement for Social Services with Northeast Youth and Family Services

E. Resolution accepting a donation from the Lions Club for the All Abilities Park

F. Resolution approving the purchase of the capital equipment items per the City’s 2021 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

G. Resolution waiving annual on-sale liquor license fees for bars and restaurants closed due to COVID-19 pandemic and transferring an amount equal to resulting loss in revenue from Economic Development Fund reserves set aside for COVID relief purposes to the General Fund

CONSENT – Approved

A. Resolution authorizing City Manager to invest and transfer funds for the City, designation of bank depository and depositing for investments

B. Resolution fixing surety bonds for various City Officials and providing for approval of the same
C. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to pay claims made against the City

D. Resolution appointing the Administrative Hearing Officer

E. Resolution establishing regular meeting nights of the City Council of the City of White Bear Lake

F. Resolution authorizing travel reimbursement amounts

**DISCUSSION**

A. Additions and modifications of policies in the Council adopted Policy Manual
   - 3.01 Investment Policy
   - 3.08 Capital Asset Policy
   - 3.09 Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Policy
   - 3.10 Federal Grant Policy

B. Consideration of additional COVID relief grants

   Having originally passed on the funds, Cerenity Senior Care will still be permitted to apply for the $10,000 non-profit grant for which other citywide non-profits were eligible.

   Tracy provided a review of local, county, state and federal assistance programs available to residents and businesses.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- A notable community member, Rose Bayuk, wife of Ed Bayuk the former White Bear Lake City Manager (20 year term), passed away at age 105 this January.

- Hockey Association was approved for use of Podvin Park for two weekends in January, which has been pushed back now to just one weekend in February.

- Mayor Emerson relayed condolences to Councilmember Jones for the loss of his farther, John.

- Mayor Emerson’s PSA of the Welcoming & Inclusive Community Initiative was played. The application is available on the website and an advertisement will be in the White Bear Lake News Press as well as social media.

- Public Works Director/City Engineer Paul Kauppi
  a. Reported there are 6,000 residential meters to replace as part of the City’s Meter Replacement Project. The City’s current meter reading company will no longer provide this service for the City. Under this new system, PW staff will be able to read the meters within a few days, which will greatly reduce the cost for this task. Staff will be requesting authorization from Council to move forward with the project at the January 26th meeting.
b. The Water Tower Logo designed by Councilmember Jones was selected as the December water tower image on the calendar.

c. Snow plowing of trails and sidewalks occurs at three inches or more snow and only after streets are completed. Councilmember Jones mentioned perhaps considering walking paths in the parks especially now that COVID is a factor.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:56 p.m.