**WILLMAR PLANNING COMMISSION**
**CITY OF WILLMAR, MN**
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013**

# MINUTES

1. The Willmar Planning Commission met on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willmar City Offices Conference Room #2.

   ** Members Present: Mark Klema, Charles Oakes, Randy Czarnetzki, Scott Thaden, and Gary Geiger.

   ** Members Absent: Andrew Engan, Bob Poe, and Nick Davis

   ** Others Present: Megan DeSchepper- Planner.

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

3. ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT- GARAGE DOOR HEIGHT- FILE NO. 13-3: Staff presented the Planning Commission initiated text amendment of Section 3 relating to accessory buildings/structures door height. At a previous meeting the Planning Commission discussed garage door heights in residential areas which are currently limited to 10'. The Commission talked about residential RV's and other recreational items sometimes need a slightly higher door height. It was a consensus that the Planning Commission would rather have an RV in a garage then parked in the yard. But at the same time the Commission didn't want to open up the regulations to allow commercial sized vehicles such as semis. 12' high doors were considered high enough to allow RV's with air conditioning units on top, but still low enough to keep commercial vehicles/equipment out. The Commission didn't want to over regulate the issue and keep the wording simple.

   Mr. Oakes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geiger, to approve a text amendment allowing door accesses in garages not to exceed 12' and forward it onto the City Council for a public hearing and ordinance adoption.

   The motion carried.

4. MISCELLANY: Staff asked the Commission to think about storage pods. There has been some inquiry about storage pods in residential areas as storage sheds. And staff interpreted the Ordinance that the pods design, materials etc. neither match the residential homes nor intent of the Ordinance. The Commission agreed that the issue may become more of an issue in the future and will consider the matter for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

5. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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