

LINN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, August 19, 2024

The Linn County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Tina DuBois. The meeting was held in the Jean Oxley Public Service Center Formal Board Room, 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

QUORUM DETERMINED:

PRESENT:	Tina DuBois, Chair	2025
	Brock Grenis, Vice-Chair	2028
	Allen Wagner	2024
	Diane Brecht	2025
	Griffin Kuntz	2026
	Bob Doubek	2027

ABSENT:

STAFF: Stephanie Lientz, Planning & Zoning Division Manager
Mike Tertinger, Senior Planner
Brad Wylam, Planner II
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

See attendance sheet for community sign in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 29, 2024, Planning & Zoning Commission meeting will be reviewed in September.

CONSENT AGENDA

PPS24-0012	Hankins Subdivision	Residential Parcel Split
PF24-0007	Owens Crossing Second Addition	Final Plat

Motion by Greis to approve the consent agenda, subject to the conditions of the staff report. Second by Kuntz.

Grenis	Aye
Brecht	Aye
DuBois	Aye
Kuntz	Aye
Doubek	Aye
Wagner	Aye

REGULAR AGENDA

PA24-0005

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

SOLAR & AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCES UPDATE

Stephanie Lientz presented the staff report.

Staff is proposing several text amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC) related to: clarifying a standard relating to a prohibition for building structures related to utility scale solar projects within drainageways; updating site plan requirements for Agricultural Experiences to conform to existing site plan requirements for development; and updates to two definitions related to utility scale solar installations.

The report will reference the Article, Section and paragraph of the UDC proposed to be changed. In some instances, not all of the section or paragraph is included, just those parts where changes are proposed; in these instances, there should be enough detail to understand the context of the proposed amendment. Text that is being deleted is shown as strikethrough; new or replacement language will be displayed as underlined text.

Staff recommends Alternative 1, recommend approval of the proposed UDC text amendments.

Grenis asked if, for the Agricultural Experiences, the County will require a site plan for parking. Lientz stated yes.

Motion by Brecht to recommend approval of case PA24-0005, subject to the conditions of the staff report. Second by Wagner.

DuBois	Aye
Kuntz	Aye
Wagner	Aye
Grenis	Aye
Doubek	Aye
Brecht	Aye

OTHER BUSINESS

Lientz noted that George Maxwell had submitted his resignation.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Dubois, Chair

Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary