

MINUTES OF THE ALBERT LEA PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
June 3, 2025
5:30 pm – City Center

Chairman Lucas Schuster called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Leon Axtman
Rachel Christensen, Ex-Officio
Matt Dorman
Lucas Schuster, Chair
Steve Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Wyeth Anderson, Vice-Chair
Jared Dawson
Matt Maras

STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Sorensen, City Building & Zoning Official
Cierra Maras, Development Services Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Dorman and second by Axtman to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dorman and second by Schuster to approve the May 6, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Staff report prepared by Megan Boeck, City Planner, is to become part of these minutes by reference.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 1212 Sykes Street – IUP Renewal

Sorensen reviewed the staff report. He explained that the existing IUP was approved for 24 months with the option to reapply. He noted that the applicant stated that between one and four people have

utilized the temporary housing units at a time. He added that staff has had no complaints on the property and that police have had zero calls for service as well.

Schuster opened the hearing to the public at 5:46 p.m.

Schuster called three times for comment. No one was present to speak.

Schuster closed the hearing to the public at 5:46 p.m.

Motion by Dorman and second by Axtman to recommend to City Council approval of the Interim Use Permit at 1212 Sykes Street for an additional 24 months with the same conditions:

1. The property shall adhere to residential noise ordinances.
2. All refuse shall be enclosed in a 3-yard or smaller dumpster container and scheduled for regular pick-up.
3. No outdoor merchandise display or sales are allowed.
4. No outdoor storage of construction equipment or materials including vehicles, trailers, lawn mowers, snow blowers, and other recreational vehicles is allowed on site.
5. The interim use permit shall expire after 24-months from the date of approval with the option to reapply.

Motion passed on a 4-0 voiced vote.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Sorensen informed the members that city staff has been working on updating ordinances regarding weeds and tall grass as well as revisions to the ordinance regarding small animals.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dorman and second by Axtman to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Motion carried.



Cierra Maras, Planning Commission Secretary



Lucas Schuster, Chairman