

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**September 16, 2008**

**PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:** Chris White, Diane Wirth, Kevin Witt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chris Wallberg

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Al Bergevin, Darla Kron

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Acting Chair White at 6:31 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE** was said.
3. **APPLICATION BY DARLA KRON FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ACUPUNCTURE & BODYWORK CLINIC AT 76 ST. CROIX TRAIL NORTH**

**A. Public Hearing**

- 1) **Call to Order** at 6:32 p.m.
- 2) **Introduction of Application** – Wallberg introduced this is an application for a CUP for Darla's business, Acupuncture and Bodywork Clinic; notification was sent to everyone within 500'; was posted and published and they met the public hearing requirements; document she sent out defined what she is going to be doing, and on page 2 of that, much of information will show as approved for VCI Environmental/Asbestos Abatement; will have some sharps disposal, so CUP would propose to discuss that disposal must be taken care of according to MPCA rules; might have up to 5 vehicles/day and no parking over and above what is at the existing building; hours of operation are weekdays from 9 to 5 and Saturdays 8-1 for client activity; beyond that she would also recommend they include 24/7 for administrative; Darla is also going to live in the building – this was an amendment they made not too long ago on VCI CUP – so will be doing both of those things there; will use existing sign and submit plans for sign; meets all requirements and included as part of the VCI CUP; Darla will submit sign specifics, and assuming they are meeting all the requirements of the ordinance, it will be approved and she can take care of it; any licensing or Health Department provisions that are required in her professional she will take care of and that will be recorded too; City Staff saw absolutely nothing to prevent this CUP should not be granted.
- 3) **Public Comments** – none
- 4) **Written Comments** – none
- 5) **Hearing Closed** at 6:40 p.m.

**B. Discussion & Recommendation**

Wirth only concerned about licensure, and that seems to be taken care of; thinks she has a nice location; doesn't see any problems. In answer to Wirth, Kron said license will be posted at work site. Witt had two other concerns, one parking. Kron was just estimating; plan is to treat five people/day – thereby five vehicles would be appropriate; if it does go beyond the five vehicles, asked procedure. Witt just thinking if she is applying this from the get go makes sense raising it slightly just to cover her and then she doesn't have to worry about it. Kron would like to include 10 vehicles as part of the parking regulations. City Clerk verified they can make that recommendation. [Asia Bednar joined meeting at this time.] Bednar asked for her own personal benefit if it is chiropractic acupuncture or Eastern medicine acupuncture. White's only comment regards safety and pleased to see the sharps disposal is included and assuming Kron has that all squared away with how that will be handled. Kron contacted a company out of Chicago who comes twice a year and provide large size containers to hold the sharps. Wallberg added a couple of things, first they have other licensed chiropractors and they do this where they ask them to follow regulations so this isn't the first time this has come before the City; other thought is they ask their CUP holders to let them know disposal site of chemical/pollutant storage and disposal for Fire Department; has asked Darla and she has agreed that when she has a contracting place for that it will be included; main reason they do that is for emergency people who go in and then they are aware it is there and why. **M/S/P (Witt/Bednar) to recommend approval of the application by Darla Kron for a Conditional Use permit for acupuncture and Bodywork Clinic at 76 St. Croix Trail North with the additional parking discussed. Motion passed.**

**Meeting Minutes.** White asked since they were meeting if they should approve their August 12, 2008 Minutes. **M/S/P (Wirth/Witt) to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2008 PC meeting. Motion passed.**

**Member Reports.** Wirth noted they have CUP reviews that are due this month, so they will be contacting their CUP people; just wanted to go on record that she will going to PC seminar in Duluth next Monday and looking forward to that and hoping to bring back information. Wallberg advised they will have five public hearings at the October meeting; there are two homes proposed to be demolished and new homes put in; one on the River; other is shop for Public Works Department who has to have a CUP too. White asked if there is any chance they could receive some of the requests

earlier so they have time to do and review. Wallberg will attempt to get it to them by Thursday; will be out of the office Friday and Monday, but office will be open and she'll have everything ready to go; November 4 which is their regular meeting is Election Day; at the October meeting she will ask them to decide on another day and time for that; October 7 is their next meeting.

**6. ADJOURN – M/S/P (Witt/Bednar) to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

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Chris White, Acting Chair

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Kate Piscitello, Recording Secretary