

**Minutes of St. James Planning Commission held**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**  
**City Hall 5:15PM**

**Present:** Dwight Kuehl, Jon Wilson, Gene Hildebrandt, Steve Lanoue, Bob Rinne

**Members Absent:** Dan Dorschner, Jim Paulson

**Others Present:** Zoning Administrator Brianna Sanders, City Attorney Michael Kircher

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm on September 24, 2024. There were no additions to the agenda.

**Motion** by Lanoue, seconded by Hildebrandt: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Tuesday, July 30, 2024. MC 4-0. Abstain: Bob Rinne

The sign permit by the St. James Family Dentistry was reviewed. The sign will be replaced with individual lettering.

**Motion** by Lanoue, seconded by Wilson: To approve the sign permit by the St. James Family Dentistry at 506 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S. MC 5-0.

The proposed street name change from 6<sup>th</sup> Ave West to Cunningham Lane was reviewed. The roadway of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave West is not a through street and will only service the new 4plex being built by St. James EDA. It was recommended by city staff to rename the street to either Lane or Court to follow the street name and address assigning practices. Zoning Administrator Sanders stated that the renaming or name change of a street is not addressed in the City Code. Street names are approved by the Planning Commission when they are a part of the plat approval process. There was a question of whether Robert Cunningham's service and donation to the City of St. James warrants the honor of being the namesake for a city street. It was stated that residents of St. James have stated that they do not feel that the street should be renamed to Cunningham Lane and that Robert Cunningham was not a good advocate for the community. It was stated that retaining the street name of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave West would be easier to find.

**Motion** by Hildebrandt: To recommend the approval of the street name change from 6<sup>th</sup> Ave West to Cunningham Lane to the City Council. The motion fails for lack of a second.

**Motion** by Kuehl, seconded by Rinne: To approve the recommendation of retaining the street name of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave West. MC 5-0.

**Motion** by Hildebrandt, seconded by Lanoue: To adjourn the meeting at 5:37pm. MC 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna Sanders  
Zoning Administrator