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MEET YOUR PLANNING COMMISSIONER



FEATURED!

Wayne Steinhauer

as told to Pat Herman

Growing up in Sioux Falls, Wayne Steinhauer attended Washington High School. Wayne chose Sioux Falls for college also, attending Augustana College to earn a degree in Geography with an emphasis on planning. This interest in planning led to 12 years on the Sioux Falls Planning Commission and now 9 years on the County Planning Commission.

Wayne views his role as a commissioner as a way to give back to the community, noting that it is a position that must be filled by local residents. It is also a way to keep up to date with what is occurring in the county. Wayne states that you can tell which places believe in and support planning just by driving through a community. He does not feel the role of the planning commission has changed during his tenure.

Always one to devote time and energy to community causes, Wayne has been limited in recent years by his job as Vice President for Amesbury Group Window and Door Hardware.

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FAST FARM FACTS

The number of American farmers has seen a steady decline. In 1935 there were 6.8 million U.S. farms. Since that time the number has been reduced to fewer than 2 million. But productivity on the farm has increased. In 1940 the average farmer was feeding 19 people whereas today the average farmer provides for 129 Americans. The number of bushels of corn per acre has increased to an average of 153, up from 118 bushels in 1990.

Source: Bryan Walsh TIME 8/31/09

*Today's average farm is 441 acres compared to 147 acres in 1990

*41% of US total land area is farmland.

*Nearly 22 million people are employed in farm or farm-related jobs.

PLANNING STAFF NEWS

The planning staff rejoiced with GIS Technician **Darin VanDeberg** as he married Kelsey Thies on August 29, 2009. Darin was handsome and debonair in his black tux with white tie and vest, which complimented the beautiful Kelsy in a white strapless gown with train. Her bouquet of pink roses echoed the pink waist ties on the five bridesmaid's chocolate floor length dresses. The ceremony was followed by a catered dinner during which attendants were treated to a slide show featuring Darin and Kelsey, the early years. A dance completed the wedding celebration.



Planning Commission Schedule

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
October 26	October 2
November 23	October 30
December	No meeting



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This company provides hardware to window and exterior door manufacturers. Overseeing operations here in Sioux Falls (BSI), Canton S.D., North Carolina, China, and Juarez, Mexico makes Wayne a very frequent flyer. Wanting to come back alive has put travel plans to Juarez on the back burner for a while. This job is far different than his first, selling knives door-to-door.

Wayne also worked as a dishwasher for the restaurant in Walgreens when the store was located in the Western Mall. It was there he saw his first portable calculator that came in a carrying case with red display. Not offered at Walgreens, Wayne's weirdest food samplings have come on trips to China - the latest being seahorse soup. When asked about hidden talents Wayne denied having any, but did allow that he loves to sail.

In 2007 Wayne and his wife entered the hospitality business by purchasing the Best Western in Murdo, S.D. This venture is going "exceedingly well". The interview ended with Wayne completing the following sentences.

I would like to travel to.....sail the inter-costal waterway in the eastern United States.

My biggest pet peeve is.....being taken for granted and people using words like "all, never or always".

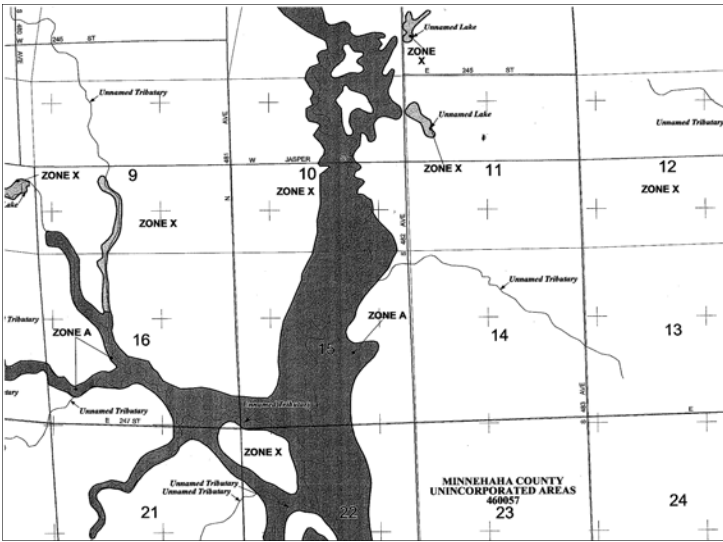
People would say I'm a.....talker.

When I wake up in the morning.....I hit the snooze alarm.

Sometimes I just like to.....veg out.

I have learned.....somebody's looking out for me.

Thanks Wayne, for taking some of your time while in town to do this interview.



FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued new flood insurance rate panel maps (FIRM) for the unincorporated portions of Minnehaha County. The FIRM maps are the official maps of a community on which FEMA has delineated both the special hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. The maps became effective on September 2, 2009.

Private citizens, insurance and brokers use the FIRM to locate properties and buildings in flood insurance risk areas. Community officials use the FIRM to administer floodplain management regulations and to mitigate flood damage. Lending institutions and federal agencies use the FIRM to locate properties and buildings in relation to mapped flood hazards, and to determine whether flood insurance is required when making loans or providing grants following a disaster for the purchase or construction of a building.

Paper copies of the maps are available for review in the Office of Planning and Zoning. The floodplain may also be viewed on the County's website at www.minnehahacounty.org. On the county's home page select "GIS Mapping" listed under important links. In the same location there is also a link "FEMA Maps". This links to the FEMA Map Center where the appropriate floodplain map can be accessed by entering an address.

UNITED WAY RAFFLE

This year the planning department re-instituted its raffle to raise money for United Way during their annual campaign. Heide Jerke, who has served as the department's United Way coordinator for five years, conceived our theme - Relaxation, Recession, and Recreation. With daily news coverage of the recession and many in the Sioux Empire feeling its effects, business's providing basic needs were willing contributors. Local spas and stress reducing exercise places donated services and products for relaxation. For families, tickets to local sporting events and family oriented activities are available.

Businesses in Sioux Falls were wonderful in responding to the request for donations. The Planning Department extends a warm and grateful thank you to the following contributors:

RELAXATION

- Sertoma Butterfly House
- Agape Salon
- Strawbale Winery
- Hair Essence
- East Bank Yoga
- The Market on Phillips



RECESSION

- Hy-Vee
- Graham Tire
- Breadsmith

RECREATION

- Scheels
- Canaries
- Sioux Falls Public Golf Courses
- The Pavilion
- Stampede
- Skyforce
- Wild Water West
- Great Plains Zoo



Thank you to everyone for purchasing tickets to help make the raffle a success!

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