



PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Notes of November 16, 2016

Members present: Jim Farrell, Lamont King, Charles Mathews, Joel Metlen, and Gary Walvatne

Members absent: Michael Babbitt and Chris Myers

Staff present: Darren Wyss, Associate Planner; John Boyd, Planning Manager; and Megan Thornton, Assistant City Attorney

PREHEARING MEETING

Mr. Boyd informed the commissioners that Chair Babbitt and Commissioner Myers would not be in attendance. Looking ahead, there will be a public hearing on the new fire station and the commissioners need to be thinking about the end of the year report.

Vice Chair Walvatne called the work session to order in the Rosemont Room at City Hall.

Mr. Wyss provided the latest comments which were from the Willamette Neighborhood Association.

Councilor Martin explained the CCI membership. He also discussed the CCI and the Planning Commission roles.

(00:00:20)

REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Walvatne called the meeting to order in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

(00:00:38)

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO LAND USE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

(00:01:07)

PUBLIC HEARING – CCI (COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT) DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS, CHAPTERS 2, 18, 19, 21, 22, 35, 59, 60, 98 AND 99, CDC-16-03

Vice Chair Walvatne explained the Planning Commission’s role in the legislative process is to make a recommendation to City Council after hearing testimony and arguments. The City Council will hold a public hearing and come to a decision at a later date.

He then provided an outline of how the meeting will proceed: after the preliminary legal matters, staff will make a presentation, the commission will have the opportunity to ask questions, and then there will be public testimony on the matter. The commission will have the chance to ask any final questions then will close the hearing. At that time the commission will discuss the proposal and make a recommendation.

Anyone wishing to speak must complete a sign in testimony form and turn it in to staff.

Ms. Thornton provided the preliminary legal matters.

The hearing commenced with a staff report presented by Darren Wyss, Associate Planner.

Alice Richmond, Shannen Knight, Gail Holmes and Samuel Gross spoke.

Vice Chair Walvatne closed the hearing and the commission entered deliberations.

Commissioner Lamont King **moved** to recommend to City Council the proposed Community Development Code Amendments, Chapters 2, 18, 19, 21, 22, 35, 59, 60, 98 and 99, CDC-16-03 with the clarification that minutes do not have to be written.

Commissioner Charles Mathews **seconded** the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Joel Metlen, Commissioner Charles Mathews, Commissioner Jim Farrell, Commissioner Lamont King, and Vice Chair Walvatne

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed 5-0-0

On December 5, 2016, City Council will have a work session on the recommended code amendments. The public hearing will be held on December 12, 2016.

(00:54:55)

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Vice Chair Walvatne pointed out the importance of small business enterprises and developing code to better accommodate those businesses. He would like to add that to the PC goals presented to the City Council.

Commissioner Farrell announced the Willamette Falls Legacy Project will hold a design concepts event the following night at CCC from 3:00 – 8:30 pm. He also announced that the West Linn Community Chorus will be performing their Christmas program on December 9 and 10 at the West Linn Lutheran Church.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM STAFF

(00:58:21)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Walvatne adjourned the meeting.