



PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Notes of January 17, 2018

Members present: Jim Farrell, Lamont King, Joel Metlen, Carrie Pellett (arrived at 6:45 pm), Bill Relyea and Gary Walvatne
Members absent: Charles Mathews
Staff present: John Boyd, Planning Manager; Megan Thornton, Assistant City Attorney and Tim Ramis, City Attorney

PREHEARING MEETING

Chair Walvatne called the work session to order at 6:14 pm in the Rosemont Room at City Hall. Mr. Ramis noted one edit to the Final Decision and Order document. Chair Walvatne and Commissioner Farrell also suggested a couple of edits.

Councilor Martin shared he will continue to be the Council Liaison to the Planning Commission, but that Councilor Sakelik will serve as an alternate.

(00:01:24)

REGULAR MEETING - CALL TO ORDER

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

(00:01:34)

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO LAND USE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

(00:01:51)

APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES: DECEMBER 6, DECEMBER 20, 2017, AND JANUARY 10, 2018

Commissioner Joel Metlen **moved** to approve the meeting notes of December 6, December 20, 2017, and January 10, 2018.

Commissioner Lamont King **seconded** the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Joel Metlen, Commissioner Jim Farrell, Commissioner Lamont King, Commissioner Bill Relyea and Chair Gary Walvatne

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed 5-0-0

(00:07:07)

CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 10, 2018 – MEETING: 6-LOT EXPEDITED LAND DIVISION AT 4096 CORNWALL STREET, SUB-17-04 (STAFF: JENNIFER ARNOLD)

Chair Walvatne explained that a Draft Final Decision and Order created from the last meeting is being presented. This is an opportunity to further edit and refine the document. The Commissioners provided their input to create a clean document.

Aside from the findings document, Commissioner Farrell inquired about the matter of standing and if the people who testified at the first hearing for 4096 Cornwall Street (SUB-17-01) had standing for this application (SUB-17-04). His understanding is that the record from SUB-17-01 is a part of the record for SUB-17-04 and therefore, the people who testified at the first application have standing for the second application. Commissioner Farrell's concern is that if

this application goes to a hearings officer, those who spoke at the first hearing would be able to testify again if needed.

Chair Walvatne explained his understanding is that to have standing on this application, a person had to submit written testimony during the specified period of time.

Mr. Ramis clarified that the complete prior application is in the record, and some portions of the prior record, but not the whole record.

Chair Walvatne believes that the design was changed enough from the first application to the second that many of the previous issues and concerns were addressed.

Mr. Ramis noted that in the record, one of the people testifying submitted an email list of individuals who had submitted testimony. Those people would be in the record and have standing.

Chair Walvatne reviewed the edited Final Decision and Order one more time for accuracy.

Commissioner Jim Farrell **moved** to deny application SUB-17-04.

Commissioner Bill Relyea **seconded** the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Joel Metlen, Commissioner Carrie Pellett, Commissioner Jim Farrell, Commissioner Lamont King, Commissioner Bill Relyea and Chair Gary Walvatne

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed 6-0-0

(00:26:04)

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Relyea and Farrell expressed concern about allowing homes to be built where the water pressure is good for fire hydrant purposes but not informing homeowners that the pressure is so high that it could damage pipes in homes. A number of people in the community have told him they have experienced a burst pipe and flooding in their homes. Perhaps pressure regulator devices should be a requirement of the building code so the homeowner doesn't experience this kind of damage. Mr. Boyd suggested directly contacting the Public Works Director about this issue since Commissioner Relyea has spoken directly to affected homeowners. This could also be discussed when the Planning Commission meets with staff. Commissioner Farrell shared that all local streets in Portland are now 20 mph. He noted taking this action might resolve some of West Linn's problems with excessive speed.

Commissioner Pellett inquired about an agenda or list of topics for the meeting with Public Works. Mr. Boyd noted stormwater would be discussed and may take up most of the time.

Chair Walvatne suggested that if time allows, other issues could be brought up.

(00:26:00)

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM STAFF

None.

(00:32:42)

ADJOURNMENT

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