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West Linn

2023 Advisory Group & Neighborhood Association Annual Report

Advisory Group/Neighborhood Association
Planning Commission

Group Leadership

John Carr – Chair

Joel Metlen – Vice-Chair

Meeting Times, Dates & Location –

First and Third Wednesdays of the month. Work sessions begin at 6:00pm and public hearings begin at 6:30pm. Meetings were held in hybrid meeting format. The Planning Commission met 18 times.

2023 Accomplishments

- *Planning Docket Discussions (Sept. 20, Nov. 15)*
- *HB2003 Briefing/Work Session (April 5, June 7, July 19)*
- *Clear and Objective Code Compliance Work Sessions (Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 1, Mar. 15, April 15)*
- *ADU Code Amendment Work Sessions (Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, April 5)*
- *Tax Increment Financing Public Hearing (May 3)*
- *MISC-22-14 Public Hearing (Feb. 1) – Two-year extension for 15-lot subdivision (SUB-19-03)*
- *CDC-23-01 Public Hearing (May 17) – CDC Chapter 34 Code Amendments (ADU Regulations)*
- *VAR-23-01 Public Hearing (May 17) – Class 2 Variance to exceed 4 lots served by private drive*
- *CDC-23-02 Public Hearing (June 21) – CDC Clear and Objective Code Amendments*
- *PLN-23-01 Public Hearing (Aug. 16) – HB2003 Implementation*
- *DR-23-01 Public Hearing (Oct. 4) – Class II Design Review (remanded to HRB)*
- *CUP-23-02 Public Hearing (Dec. 20) – Conditional Use Permit for micro-school in existing building*
- *Annual Report Discussions (Nov. 15, Dec. 6)*
- *Community Advisory Group Training (Feb. 27)*

2023 Challenges

- *Planning Commission and public engagement in virtual meetings*
- *Access to City legal services*

2024 Council Goalsetting

- *Adoption of the HB2003 Housing Production Strategy*
- *Waterfront Plan – agreement on vision document and progress on implementation tools (zoning, code, and design standards)*
- *Hwy 43 Plan – agreement on vision document and progress on implementation tools (zoning, code, and design standards)*
- *CFEC policy decisions and draft code amendments*
- *Improvements to the Community Development Code for ease of implementation*

Any additional feedback to share with the City Council?

- *Planning Commission recommends continued pursuit of in-house City Attorney position to provide better access for staff and advisory groups*

- *Long-term solution to funding and completing public facility improvements as opposed to piecemeal improvements as part of private development projects as there is limited buildable land left in the community*
- *Request to schedule a minimum of two joint work sessions for the PC/CC*