

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



HYBRID/REMOTE AND IN PERSON AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

June 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM by Vice Chair Duerr

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Cronin, Mike Duerr, Janice Huxford, Jennifer Davis, Linda Hoult, Connor Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Todd Welch

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Manager Levitan, Clerk Jennie Fenrich

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Gary Petershagen

Commissioner Duerr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Welch was excused for his absence.

Guest business: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 6-1--2022 were approved as written. Commissioner Hoult motioned and Commissioner Huxford (6-0-0-1).

Discussion Items: Discussion Item: 2022 Comprehensive Plan Docket – Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element

Planning Manager Levitan provided an overview of proposed amendments to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element being proposed as part of the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Docket. The biggest changes proposed are the addition of two new chapter goals and underlying policies, which would specifically designate parks and recreation as critical infrastructure and a vital service and would more explicitly call for the expansion of active recreation facilities in the city. Additional changes include updates to park descriptions, maps, and lists of capital improvement projects. Planning Manager noted that the proposed amendments had been reviewed by the Parks Board on June 13, and that they had not requested any additional changes. Commissioners were generally in support of the proposed changes, and asked questions about several topics, including costs and funding sources for parks projects, typical amenities for neighborhood parks, ways to improve communication with city residents, and how to better address and mitigate stormwater management and flooding in city parks.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner J. Davis gave a report on her rental of The Mill building for a personal event. She was thrilled with the experience and highly recommended its use if anyone wants to hold an event. Commissioner Huxford noted that she had watched the previous evening's City Council meeting, and informed other commissioners that the Council had opted to form a subcommittee of three councilmembers to consider changes to the Planning Commission's recommendation on proposed amendments to LSMC 14.44.064 (Short Term Rentals). Both Commissioner Duerr and C. Davis shared their disappointment in the Council's Task Force committee. They felt time is of the essence and this new committee would negate the work Planning Commission has done.

Director's Report:

In response to Commissioner comments and questions, Planning Manager Levitan provided an overview of staff's role in supporting the Council subcommittee currently working on changes to the city's short-term rental (tourist home) supplementary use regulation. He also gave an update on the city's Housing Action Plan, noting that the city would be taking advantage of summer events such as Aquafest and the Farmers Market to begin public outreach and to start gathering public input and intended to utilize the Commission as a valuable resource in the project's public outreach, including hosting a Community Meeting in Fall 2022.

Adjourn: Moved by Commissioner Hoult, seconded by Commissioner c. Davis to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-1).

Jennie Fenrich, Planning Commission Clerk