

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Wednesday
April 14, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers
206 E Third Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robb Parish, Chair; Rich Beebe, Joel Hamilton, Wendy McClure, Michael Nelsen, Nels Reese, Victoria Seever, Dennis Wilson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Gropp
OTHERS: Jeffrey Hicke (virtual), Tina Hilding (virtual), Maureen Laflin (virtual)
STAFF: Jennifer Fleischman, Mike Ray

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of March 24, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

McClure moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Wilson. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Time limit 15 minutes. Members of the Public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the Agenda nor currently pending before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Please state your name and resident city for the record and limit your remarks to three minutes.
None.

3. Climate Change Impact Assessment Discussion (ACTION ITEM)

The City's Sustainable Environment Commission's Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) has prepared and distributed to the members of the City Council a Climate Change Impacts Assessment for Moscow. The CAWG would like to present this information to the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, discuss its findings, and gather the Commission's suggestions as the city moves forward to formulate mitigation and adaption strategies.

Tina Hilding introduced Jeffrey Hicke, who proceeded with the first half of the presentation as described above and, in the slides, attached. Hicke focused on the Climate Change Impacts Assessment and requested suggestions from the Commission in regards to mitigation and adaptation efforts. Hilding continued with the second half of the presentation about the Climate Action Working Group, for which the slides are attached. She requested discussion and input from the Commission regarding CAWG's seven (7) focus questions about climate action.

The Commission discussed the upcoming growth of Moscow's subdivisions as an opportunity to mitigate climate change. There was also a discussion regarding updating the Comprehensive Plan in the next few years, specifically addressing climate change. Parish suggested that climate change proposals be brought before the Commission and reviewed for possible Zoning Code amendments. McClure mentioned energy neutrality and moving to electric, or encouraging more alternatives to transportation. Talk about in-

migration of people moving to Moscow because they can work from home, and the reduction in traffic surrounding the shift to working from home. Seever wanted a focus to be development affordability to get developers and buyers to want to be climate focused. Reservoir water issues were discussed.

CAWG had not yet given a presentation to the Fair and Affordable Housing Commission yet, but it has been scheduled. The Commission will continue the conversation and respond back to the CAWG after more information and ideas are collected. Seever wanted community and developer incentives to be a part of the conversation and suggestions. The Commission will decide if climate change would be a good continuing education subject.

REPORTS

1. Transportation Commission Meeting

Transportation Commission last met on April 8th. Preliminary reviews for two different subdivisions were discussed at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is McClure's last meeting as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

1. Next Planning & Zoning Commission regular meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM



Robb Parish, Chair