

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Wednesday
January 12, 2022**

7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E Third Street**

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robb Parish, Chair; Rich Beebe, Drew Davis, Joel Hamilton, Mike Nelsen, Nels Reese, Victoria Seever, Dennis Wilson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Scott Gropp
OTHERS: Hailey Lewis
STAFF: Jennifer Fleischman, Mike Ray, Cody Riddle

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of December 8, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Wilson moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Seever. 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 (3) minutes.

None.

3. Approval of Reasoned Statement and Relevant Criteria and Standards (ACTION ITEM)

Proposal for a Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation and Zoning Designation for an 8,636 square foot property proposed to be annexed into the City of Moscow and located at 1825 N Polk Street Extension.

1. Retaining the current Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of Suburban Residential (SR).

2. Rezoning of the subject property from the Agriculture Forestry (AF) Zone to the Multiple Family Residential (R-4) Zone.

Wilson moved to approve the Relevant Criteria and Standards for both the proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation and Rezone, seconded by Davis. Vote by Acclamation; Ayes: Unanimous (8). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. Continuing Education Discussion: *On Common Ground – Addressing the Housing Shortage*

Parish started the discussion on the continuing education material as indicated above, specifically about zoning districts. The City of Moscow zoning code allows for varied uses of different types of housing. Limited parking availability is often the deciding factor for new builds. Some municipalities have removed off-street parking requirements to allow for denser development. Commissioners talked about the Identity parking that has been a frequent source of complaint from residents. There followed discussion about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and minimum lot size zoning code changes.

The Commission discussed the size of Moscow compared to the other cities referenced in the article, and how that might affect zoning districts and the public's opinion regarding housing development. There was conversation about affordable housing options, the Moscow Affordable Housing Trust, and how that impacts housing availability. There continued to be discussion about affordable housing and the economic factors that affect development.

A downtown parking study is anticipated in the next year, which should answer questions about the need for parking in the downtown core. Creating more parking spaces is counter-intuitive to pedestrian-centric planning. There was talk about car storage, especially for university students. Modular homes were mentioned, and the City's work on planning for growth. Some more conversation about the public opinion of housing development.

REPORTS

1. Transportation Commission meeting report.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 13th. An Intercity Transit update is on the agenda.

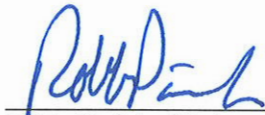
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hailey Lewis is the 2022 Council liaison for Planning & Zoning.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Next Planning & Zoning Commission regular meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM



Robb Parish, Chair