

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robb Parish, Vice Chair; Scott Gropp, Wendy McClure (via phone), Mike Nelsen, Nels Reese, Victoria Seever, Dennis Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joel Hamilton, Kurt Obermayr

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Ray, Anne Peterson, Gina Taruscio (for Brandy Sullivan)

1. Approval of minutes from January 9, 2019

Wilson moved approval of the minutes as presented.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED BY ACCLAMATION [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Wilson
SECONDER:	Seever

2. Correspondence

None.

3. Transportation Commission Meeting Report

No report.

4. Public Comment

Parish acknowledged the legitimate and serious concerns raised by Chuck Bond at the last meeting regarding the impact the Identity Moscow has made to surrounding property owners. Commissioners had asked staff to conduct some follow up and Ray reported on his outreach to the Identity property managers who said they'd discuss the fence idea with Bond. Staff also reviewed the parking mitigation plan which allows the City to provide input to the covenants and leasing communication to help future tenants gain a better understanding of the parking limitations. Reese said since the complaint was made he has watched the area more closely to better understand some of the issues.

Chuck Bond, 626 N Moore, reported that no one from Identity has reached out to him yet. He appreciated staff's effort but didn't believe revised marketing information would prevent students from renting at Identity nor from bringing cars to Moscow. He wondered what else the Commission planned for resolution to his issues. Parish said the Commission will continue advocating for change to the marketing language and would check on all other conditions placed upon the developer at the time of approval. He expressed optimism that solutions would be identified. Bond believes Identity tenants will park where they want regardless of what the marketing and leasing information says and reiterated that a fence was the best alternative to stem at least part of the problem. Parish thanked Bond again for his input which he said was very instructive to the Commission.

5. Public Hearing: Proposed Update to the City of Moscow Comprehensive Plan

Ray provided an extensive presentation covering the culmination of the Commission's work on the Comprehensive Plan over the past couple of years. The only question from Commissioners was whether digital access is covered within the public utilities section and Ray said the fiber network is included within the Economic Development section.

Parish opened the public hearing at 7:58 pm.

Nils Peterson, 841 Travois, thanked the Commission and others for adding the new section on climate change. He said the existing "20 by 20" effort is reaching its end so he hoped the City Council, in acting on this Comprehensive Plan, will also charge commissions with the task of creating a new climate action plan for the City.

Kathy Dawes, 1018 East E Street, asked if the homelessness problem in Moscow was addressed within the Plan. Ray said the goal of providing a variety of housing types available to all demographics was included in Chapter 2.

Hearing no further testimony, Parish closed the public hearing at 8:02 pm. Commissioners had no additional comments or questions. Reese moved to forward the proposed changes to City Council with the Commission's recommendation for approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Reese
SECONDER:	Seever

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Robb Parish, Vice Chair