

Planning Commission
Study Session Minutes
Zoom/In-Person

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

5:00 p.m.

New City Hall: Second Floor Assembly Room 206 N.5th Street

Call to Order/ Roll Call 5:02 pm

Present: Councilor Liaison Steve Casaleggio, Commissioner Michael Schwartz, Commissioner Diane Barr, Commissioner Roger Thom, Commissioner Mike Card, and Chair Mark Thomas

Staff Present: Planning Director Foster

Absent: Planning Technician Oliver

Introductions and Review of Agenda:

Officer Elections

Motion to: Elect a Chair

Move to: Elect Mark Thomas as Chair of the Planning Commission

Motion by: Michael Card, seconded by: Roger Thom

Vote: All Ayes, none opposed, Mark Thomas is Chair

Motion to: Elect Vice - Chair

Move to: Elect Michael Card as Vice - Chair

Motion by: Chair Thomas, seconded by: Roger Thom

Vote: All Ayes, none opposed, Michael Card is Vice - Chair

A Majority Report is a requirement per our Comprehensive Plan when there is a consensus among the Citizen Advisory Committee that was formed to review and make recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding the Land Development Code. Once the committee comes to a consensus, they draft up what's called the Majority Report which has their recommendations just like an executive summary of the actual code amendments.

Chair Mark Thomas introduced our newest member to the Planning Commission Mrs. Diane Barr, welcome!

Planning Director Foster started with a background of the CAC's Majority report on our Tree Removal standards and the increased concern regarding fire risk, and also rules that will be introduced by Senate Bill 762. These two reasons are behind the urgency in which the trees standards will be looked at before the Development Code per City Council, CCI, and the CAC.

This is intended to amend our current development code, so this will be dependent on if there's further recommendations from the State Fire Marshall's office. We will have another opportunity to update or modify this, if need be, with the code update process. The report is to get us ahead of the game, and to have new adopted ordinance ready to go right now within our city. This is why we need to see this ahead of the development code update, and it will be a much easier and a quicker process for our residents and the Planning Department when processing a tree removal permit on private property.

Planning Director read through the Majority Reports with the Planning Commission on the Tree Standards and Touched on the Parking Reform.

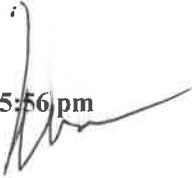
After Planning Commission's discussions, staff will clean up the language and we will meet again to present to them a cleaner copy in March. If we accomplish this, we will then send out the Measure 56 notice to all residents. Staff has done a good job with regular CAC and CCI meetings, we have given the community plenty of notice in our water bills, the newsletters, the city website, and in all of the townhalls to communicate the process with the community. Staff will also make sure that the Measure 56 language is not problematic this time.

Planning Director Foster briefly touched on the parking requirements that were a result of the climate friendly executive order from our last Governor that requires cities in metropolitan planning areas like Jacksonville, to change and update their parking standards to reduce the number of on-site parking requirements for new developments. We were subject to one of the OAR'S which required us to eliminate parking minimums for any parcel within a half mile of a major transit corridor, which is defined as being a one-hour headway for busses. We are served by RVTD for that bus line for one hour. We were subject to that rule, so from that requirement the CAC thought it best to eliminate all the parking requirement for the entire city, because that half mile radius is basically, the entire city of Jacksonville. Based on those discussions staff submitted a request to the DLCD asking for an exemption to that rule, which we were then granted. So, for now until 2028 we are no longer subject to that half mile buffer, and then we will be re-evaluated again.

The City of Bend is one of the only city's that has made an actual code amendment to reflect this current requirement.

Please review the Parking Reform and 18.17.040 and we will meet on this again in the month of March in a study session with your thoughts and suggestions, as we would like to be done with this in the month of May.

Adjourn: 5:56 pm



Mark Thomas, *Planning Commission Chair*



Diane Oliver, *Building/Planning Technician*

Date of Approval: 3.8.23