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Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

Monday, May 23, 2016

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Kidwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 8 - Charles Kidwell, Robert Mahoney, Zachary Henkin, Paul Espe, Denyse McGriff, Damon Mabee, Bob LaSalle and Henry Mackenroth

Absent: 1 - Tom Geil

Staffers: 3 - Tony Konkol, Laura Terway and John Lewis

2. Work Session

2a. [PC 16-059](#)

Joint Work Session: Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Committee Roles for Reviewing Transportation Impacts and Issues

On April 11, 2016, the Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Committee met for a Joint Work Session regarding transportation. The City's transportation consultant, John Replinger of Replinger and Associates, provided an overview of the process by which the transportation impacts of development are assessed and identified the role of traffic engineers in the development review process. This meeting is a follow up from the initial meeting to discuss:

1. An Overview of the Land Use Process
2. An Overview of the Transportation Advisory Committee Process
3. Establishment of Future Communication Between the Planning

Commission and Transportation Advisory Committee

Laura Terway, Interim Planning Manager, gave an overview of the land use process. The Code identified minimum criteria for development. For each standard, staff had to make a finding showing how the application either met or did not meet the standard and that information was put in the staff report. Anyone could apply to change the Code, although it was typically staff who proposed changes. The proposed changes were reviewed by the Planning Commission and the City Commission adopted the Code. It was a long process to change the Code. She then explained and gave examples of the levels of land use review.

There was discussion regarding trip generation and zoning allowed in the Plan and increased traffic issues and the need to take the cumulative effect of development into consideration.

Henry Mackenroth, Vice Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, discussed his map of the traffic choke points as people were coming in and out of the City.

There was further discussion regarding traffic flow expectations in the community and

creating a live/work environment in the City.

Ms. Terway explained the public notification requirements for land use applications. There was discussion regarding making the blue notice signs easier to read and placing them in more visible locations.

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) wanted to know at what point they should become involved in land use applications that affected traffic.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, said the TAC had no mandated approval criteria to use for applications. The TAC could look at applications over a length of time and notice trends where policies might need to be changed and recommend those changes, such as connectivity and traffic calming devices.

There was discussion regarding regional facilities and planning for those facilities.

John Lewis, Public Works Director, assured the committee that staff was scrutinizing the issues and were holding developers to a high standard.

Some ideas for the Transportation Advisory Committee to look at were discussing the cumulative effect of development, reviewing the City's policies and codes, discussing multi-modal alternatives and suggesting improvements such as bike lane enhancements.

There was discussion regarding taking a proactive approach to regional transportation issues and having more conversations with Tri-Met regarding better transit service.

3. Communications

4. Adjournment

Chair Kidwell adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.