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Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

Monday, February 25, 2019 | **7:00 PM** | **Commission Chambers**

1. Call to Order

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

Present: 10 - Tom Geil, Robert Mahoney, Vern Johnson, Patti Gage, Mike Mitchell, Dirk Schlagenhaufer, Greg Stoll, Doug Neeley, Dorothy Dahlsrud and Matt Kuhl

Staffers: 3 - Laura Terway, Pete Walter and Diliana Vassileva

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

3. Public Meeting

3a. 19-144 Joint Work Session between the Planning Commission and Natural Resources Committee

Pete Walter, Planner, discussed the bylaws and role of the Natural Resources Committee (NRC) including giving comments and advice on Planning Commission decisions. He reviewed the NRC's accomplishments and work plan priorities.

There was discussion regarding sending to the NRC applications that would make changes to the Natural Resources Overlay District so the NRC could review them and make recommendations. It was suggested that large changes should be required to come to the NRC, while smaller changes should be recommended to come to the NRC.

There was further discussion regarding tree removals before applications were submitted, curving sidewalks and streets around trees to save the trees, how wetlands were treated that were outside of the NROD, changing the requirements for the Heritage Tree program to make it less onerous, mitigation for tree removal, and incentivizing tree protection.

NRC Chair Neeley said the biggest concerns were the NROD changes and Heritage Tree issues.

The NRC members left the meeting.

3b. 19-145 Overview of How the Public May Learn About and Stay Involved with Land Use Decisions

Diliana Vassileva, Planner, gave an overview of the public noticing that the Planning Department did for different levels of land use proposals and the opportunities the

public had to learn about and review applications. These included the development projects website, mailed notices, property signs, emailed notices, neighborhood association/CIC notices, newspaper postings, Planning Commission/City Commission agendas, and email subscriptions.

Commissioner Geil arrived at 8:20 PM.

There was discussion regarding the 300 foot distance for the mailed notice, use of social media, improvements to the development projects website, and how to improve communication with citizens.

4. Communications

19-146

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, discussed items on future meeting agendas. She shared Community Development Department statistics as of December 31, 2018.

There was discussion regarding the funding for the Riverwalk.

5. Adjournment

Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM.