



CITY OF OREGON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes

Commission Chambers, Libke Public Safety Building, 1234 Linn Ave, Oregon City
Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: 7 - Chair Gregory Stoll, Vice Chair Paul Espe, Commissioner Dirk Schlagenhauser, Commissioner Bob La Salle, Commissioner Daphne Wuest, Commissioner Karla Laws and Commissioner Brandon Dole

Absent: 0 - None

Staffers: 4 - Mayor Denyse McGriff, Community Development Director Aquila Hurd-Ravich, and City Deputy Attorney Carrie Richter

CEREMONIES

Mayor Denyse McGriff administered the Oath of Office to Brandon Dole as the new Planning Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Jerry Herman and Bob LaSalle gave a presentation on Land Use Planning Legacy in 1970s and 1980s in Oregon. They had given the presentation to the Planning Staff back in December and asked to provide the same information to the Planning Commission group. They explained the origination of land use in Oregon and how the following people were important in these endeavors: Governor Tom McCall, Stafford Hansel, L.B. Day, Hector McPherson, Ed Westerdahl, Glenn Jackson, Bob Straub, Victor Atiyeh, John Innskeep and Senator Mark O. Hatfield.

Bob LaSalle discussed the recent land legislation. As a result of the legislature, developers can pretty much do whatever they want to do. The City's residential zoning is pretty much null and void. Multi-family homes are now a way for young families to get a start. Some questions were raised that will need to be addressed in future discussions as outlined in the presentation documents.

2. Oregon's Land Use Planning Presentation was presented by Deputy City Attorney Carrie Richter.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich guided the Planning Commissioners through work on the Planning Commission Work Plan 2024.

Looking for topics and then prioritizing them with a consensus to know what needs to be worked on to present to City Commission. Items on list from past discussions:

- Infrastructure funding that can support housing development
- Employment lands in the City and how to promote the development of those areas
- Transportation funding for new roads through training and/or information
- Molalla/7th Street view corridor protection looking west toward to West Linn
- Commercial uses on the first/bottom/ street level floors with residential above along the Mixed-Use Commercial area on Molalla
- Attracting/ increasing activity on Molalla Ave
- RV Parks in other areas of the City
- Reducing the permitting requirements for short-term rentals
- Promoting green space for future density development
- Incentivise existing structures as they are more affordable than building new neighborhoods.

Director Aquilla will bring back to future meeting(s) for additional conversation, additional training, etc

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

4. Planning Commission Minutes Approval for January 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Espe, seconded by Commissioner Schlagenhauser to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 7 - Commissioner LaSalle, Commissioner Wuest, Commissioner Laws, Commissioner Dole, Commissioner Schlagenhauser, Vice Chair Espe and Chair Stoll

COMMUNICATIONS

Next meeting will be February 12, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stoll adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

