

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY MEETING FORMAT
STATUTES SECTION 13D.021
2-15-2023**

The 2-15-2023 Planning Commission meeting for the City of Columbus was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Rob Hanegraaf at the City Hall. Present were Planning Commission members Ron Hanegraaf, Barb Bobick, and Lynn Carver-Quinn, City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Planning and Zoning Permit Tech Ella Giefer, and Associate Planner Frank Koenen.

Absent were Planning Commissioners Bethany Barrette and Frank Ramisch.

In attendance via interactive technology were Sue Wagamon and an unidentified phone number.

Also, in attendance in person were Chris Carver, Janet Hegland, and Jesse Preiner.

The meeting was held in an interactive technology meeting format.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING – 6:01PM**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA** Motion Carver-Quinn. Second Bobick. Motion carried with Hanegraaf, Bobick, and Carver-Quinn voting in favor.
- 4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES** Motion Bobick. Second Carver-Quinn. Motion carried with Hanegraaf, Bobick, and Carver-Quinn voting in favor.
- 5. COMMERCIAL PET/SMALL ANIMAL USES STUDY (PAGES 1-7)** At this time Koenen presented the Commercial Pet/Small Animal Uses Study, giving a background of the discussion held during the February 1st 2023 Planning Commission meeting. There was concern raised that the City’s Animal Control Officer did not have the workload capacity to enforce the proposed uses. Koenen said that findings of facts regarding licensing animal businesses would be presented at the March 1st 2023 joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting, where a draft ordinance will also be presented.

Koenen gave an overview of the proposed definitions. Carver-Quinn stated that she disagreed with the definition of Grooming allowing boarding of up to 48 hours, and said that it should be a maximum of 8 hours. Carver-Quinn said that training should be a use in the residential zoning district rather than the commercial zoning district because many trainers work out of their homes. Bobick asked why animal boarding did not have a maximum time frame, which Hegland answered by stating that when the definitions were written the time frames did not matter because the intention of creating the definitions was so that the uses could be excluded. Carver-Quinn said she believed that the time frames should still be specified. Hegland stated that the time frame for Animal Training should be increased because there were businesses that housed dogs for multiple weeks for “dog boot camps”. Koenen said he would reach out to the City’s Animal Control officer for feedback on the proposed hours and that he would specify Animal Grooming as up to 12 hours and

Animal Training as up to 14 days. Hegland suggested that the period should be given as 'short or long term' rather than a specific number of days.

Bobick said she agreed with the proposed language for Animal Grooming Facility. Hanegraaf said he did not believe a specific time frame was needed, but that he would agree to the proposed 12 hours.

Koenen asked for feedback on the definition for Veterinary Animal Hospital Or Clinic. Hanegraaf asked if neutering or declawing of healthy animals should be included. Bobick said it was not likely that Animal Hospitals or Clinics would provide boarding beyond what was needed for medical reasons.

Koenen stated that there was feedback given to include Commercial Animal Establishment as a proposed use, which he planned on modeling after the definition given by Bloomington Minnesota, and asked if there were any other uses the Commissioners would like to be added. Hanegraaf asked how animals like horses would be defined since they could be domesticated like dogs and cats could. Koenen said he would research the question and return with an answer at the upcoming joint meeting. Hegland said that some animals could fall under multiple categories and that more specific definitions may be needed. Bobick asked if there was an existing ordinance concerning commercial animals, to which Hegland answered that there was not.

6. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Nothing at this time.
7. **PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** Nothing at this time.
8. **ASSOCIATE PLANNER'S REPORT** Nothing at this time.
9. **ADJOURN** – *Motion* Carver-Quinn. Second Bobick. Motion carried with Hanegraaf, Bobick, and Carver-Quinn voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Recording Secretary Ella Giefer.