

CITY OF COLUMBUS
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
01.15.20

The January 15th, 2020 regular meeting of the Planning Commission for the City of Columbus was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Ron Hanegraaf at the City Hall. Present were Commission members: Kris King, Pam Wolowski, and Barb Bobick; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko; City Planning Technician Ben Gutknecht; City Planner Dean Johnson; and Recording Secretary Rochelle Busch.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Jesse Preiner; City Council Member Janet Hegland, Jeff Duraine, Denny Peterson, and Shelly Logren; Patricia Clearence, Dan Mike, and Dick Haluptzok.

A portion of this meeting was held jointly with the City Council and Planning Commission for discussion on Land Use and Zoning.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by King to approve agenda as written. Second by Wolowski. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL – APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES ON 11.06.19

Motion by King to approve the minutes of the November 6th, 2019 regular Planning Commission meeting, as written. Second by Bobick. Voting Wolowski-Aye, Bobick-Aye, Hanegraaf-Abstain, King-Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL – APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES ON 11.20.19

Motion by Bobick to approve the minutes of the November 20th, 2019 regular Planning Commission meeting, as written. Second by Wolowski. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL – APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES ON 12.18.19

Motion by Wolowski to approve the minutes of the December 18th, 2019 regular Planning Commission meetings, as written. Second by King. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL – PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES ON 11.20.19- 15215 ZURICH ST. ACES HOTEL (PC19-126)

Motion by King to approve the Public Hearing minutes for variance request for reduced side yard setback request, as written. Second by Bobick. Motion carried unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL DISCUSSION

Nominations for Planning Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Mursko stated the city has received and accepted the resignation from Jody Krebs on. Therefore, there is currently one vacancy on the board. The Planning Commission must appoint a Chairperson, as well as choose whether to have one member take on role as Vice Chairperson or adopt the rotating Vice Chairperson method.

Nominations for Chairperson:

Ron Hanegraaf- nominated by Pam Wolowski.

Nominations for Vice-Chairperson:

Pam Wolowski – nominated by Barb Bobick

Motion made by Wolowski for nomination of Ron Hanegraaf for Chair. Second by Bobick. Motion carried unanimously. Hanegraaf appointed as Chairperson, will be confirmed at the City Council Meeting on 01.22.20.

Motion made by Bobick for nomination of Pam Wolowski for Vice Chair. Second by Hanegraaf. Motion carried unanimously. Wolowski appointed as Vice Chairperson, will be confirmed at the City Council Meeting on 01.22.20.

JOINT DISCUSSION WITH CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION ABOUT LAND USE vs ZONING CONTINUED

This portion of the meeting was used as a joint workshop with the City Council, to brainstorm uses for the Freeway district. The group was given 8 zones that need uses added to be more concise with what the current Planning Commission and City Council sees fit in the area.

Council person Logren stated she felt we needed destinations in the area that are quick to stop in and pick up items and be able to get back on the consumers way. She questioned why we are having trouble finding companies out there that would move into our area when we have high drive through traffic population especially in the summer. Planner Johnson remarked that drive through market is one way to market business, however most companies look at rooftop density to answer who will sustain the business daily. He commented that passer throughs don't live here to keep businesses alive.

Dan Mike, at 15123 Hornsby, questioned why the public wasn't notified about the decisions being made at the January 15th meeting. He stated this information has been up for discussion previously, why are they making changes again. Mursko stated the reason for the workshop is to establish land uses not reestablish zoning for the Freeway District. Planner Johnson commented that they are taking the advice of Met Council, and discussion from previous meetings to better fit uses in the current zoning, in hopes for the landowners to be able to sell the land if they so choose to a business that would now fit within the use.

The Planning Commission and Council were asked to write down 5 uses they would like to see in the 8 different zones. City Planning Technician Ben Gutknecht will compile the uses and the intention is to have a joint meeting again in the future to discuss the findings.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS' REPORT

Nothing to report.

ATTENDANCE - NEXT CC MEETING

King is scheduled to attend the City Council meeting on January 22nd, 2020.

Motion by King to adjourn. Second by Wolowski. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rochelle Busch, Recording Secretary

