



MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
1300 NE Village Street
Fairview, OR 97024
Tuesday, January 12, 2010

PRESENT: Gary Stonewall, Chair
Ed Jones, Vice Chair
Steve Kaufman
Jan Shearer
Jack McGiffin
Keith Kudrna
Julius Arceo

STAFF: John Gessner, Community Development Director
Lindsey Nesbitt, Senior Planner
Erika Rence, Assistant Planner
Devree Leymaster, Admin. Program Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stonewall called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Stonewall called for any person wishing to speak on a non-agenda item. As there was none; moved to the review and adoption of minutes.

3. REVIEW AND ADOPT MINUTES

November 10, 2009 minutes were approved as written by consensus.

4. WORK SESSION

a) Title 13 and Multnomah County Drainage District Exceptions

Senior Planner Nesbitt briefed the Commission on the natural resource project and the exception process for permit requirements that MCDD was requesting for maintenance and repair projects.

Senior Planner Nesbitt introduced the MCDD representatives Mr. Bob Eaton and Mr. David Hendricks. A video presentation was shown providing an overview of who and what the Drainage District does. Mr. Eaton invited the Commissioners to take a tour hosted by MCDD of the districts facilities.

Commissioner Shearer inquired about the condition of local levees. Mr. Eaton responded that the levees were inspected annually to meet federal standards and had either excellent or acceptable inspection results.

Mr. Hendricks provided a review of the type of routine maintenance that MCDD provides. He reviewed the language requesting to approve the exception process and reiterated that the exception process was for existing facilities only. Any expansion of, or construction of new facilities would require review and permitting.

Commissioner McGiffin inquired about cross levees. Mr. Eaton responded that MCDD currently has some cross levees and hopes to increase the number of cross levees.

Following Commission discussion, Staff requested direction from the Commission on how to proceed. Commissioner Shearer recommended option 1, which would allow the exception process MCDD was requesting, Commissioner Jones seconded the recommendation; the other Commissioners agreed with the recommendation.

b) City-wide Sign Code Policy Options

Assistant Planner Rence presented the staff report and requested feedback from the Commission in regards to the policy issues listed below.

Staff recommended an amortization policy for non-conforming signs in which such signs would be brought into compliance by a specified date. The Commission had agreed and requested Staff inventory non-conforming signs, which Staff had done. The Commission requested Staff solicit feedback from business's that would be affected by the non-conforming amortization policy before deciding on an acceptable time period for compliance.

All Commissioners agreed with Staff's proposed policy options for hardship relief.

For athletic field banner signs, under exempt signage, the Commission agreed that team sponsorship type signs should be oriented toward the athletic field, while banner signs that announce something, i.e. team sign-ups, should be allowed to hang on the outside of the fence oriented towards the public right-of-way. Commissioner Jones commented that for safety reasons banner signs should not be allowed within 100ft of intersection.

The Commission feedback for temporary signs included: approved of the temporary sign permit for signs greater than 8 sq. ft., no fee for the permit, and favored a sign bank approach for those times when multiple temporary signs could be warranted i.e. political signs. For clarification Staff reminded the Commission and audience that temporary signs would still be prohibited in the right-of-way and A-board signs were not considered temporary signage. Audience member, Peter Tuomala, requested the definition of a temporary sign. Staff responded by citing the definition in the code.

In the multi-family zoning districts the Commission agreed with policy of an incidental sign bank based on sign size and an allowance for number of units. The Commission agreed that there should be sign bank for free standing signs as well. In discussing measurement for monument signs it was agreed that the measurement would be of the sign only, and would not include the decorative component around it, i.e. stone work.

Commission comments regarding signs in commercial zones included: Commission Kudrna, window signs that were see through should not be measured and included as window signs and Commissioner Shearer commented on the illumination times for signage; Staff responded that restrictions on illumination times were only for residential districts.

Commissioner Stonewall inquired about public outreach and response. Assistant Planner Rence responded that Staff had been notifying business owners, approx. 150, by mail prior to each work session. Notifications included meeting times, provided informative materials, and requested feedback regarding the draft proposals. There had been little response from business owners. Staff noted that the Village business owners were currently in mediation with the city and believed fed that they would be providing feedback at some point.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Kaufman moved to appoint Vice Chair Jones as Chair; Commissioner Shearer seconded; Chair Stonewall requested a vote, all ayes.

Commissioner Kaufman moved to appoint Commissioner Kudrna as Vice Chair; Commissioner Kudrna agreed; Chair Stonewall requested a vote, all ayes.

6. STAFF UPDATES

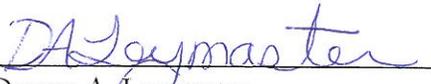
Director Gessner briefed the Commission on the East Multnomah County Capitol Improvement Plan. Some projects would be in Fairview and could be good road projects. The time period to comment was short and Director Gessner indicated that he would do what he could to pull the necessary information together in time to present it to the Commission for feedback within the time allotted.

7. NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING - February 9, 2010

- a) Fairview Woods Park Master Plan
- b) Annual Report

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:40pm.



Devree A. Leymaster
Administrative Program Coordinator
Community Development Dept.

Gary Stonewall, Chair



Date: 2/9/10