

PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

5:30 p.m.

#1 Call to Order

Planning Commission Chair Duval called the Planning Commission Workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

#2 Roll Call

Noted present were Commissioners Gorham, Kallroos, Foley, Woodward, Yeager, Duval, and Council Liaison Erickson. Community Development Director Chanski, and Assistant Planner Kramvik were also noted as present along with Jennifer Haskamp, and Michael Lamb from Swanson Haskamp Consulting.

#3 Approval/Amendment of Agenda

MOVED AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GORHAM AND YEAGER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

#4 Conceptualizing How Zoning Implements the City's Vision and the Future Land Use Map

Jennifer Haskamp distributed an agenda of topics that will be discussed tonight. She explained the first step is to complete a Community Character Image Survey and to compile a list of definitions. She showed a slideshow and had everyone rate the images within a range of +3 like to -3 dislike in several different categories. She asked the commission what images they rated the highest and the reasons why they rated them as such. A summary of the results were given at the end of the meeting.

Ms. Haskamp explained future land use directly relates to how we focus on zoning and she highlighted several factors when considering future land use and the relationship it has with zoning.

Mr. Lamb started discussion on form-based codes, which is different for every community. He said our Comprehensive Plan mentions smart growth principles to achieve economic, environmental and community aspirations by mixed land uses. He had the group complete a word exercise regarding the definitions of several districts and to give thoughts on what the defining words mean to each person. He talked about what makes a neighborhood walkable and bikeable, which is not about the buildings or the streets – it is about the experience.

Commission discussion took place regarding the definitions of the districts shown in the comprehensive plan and a word exercise was completed to gather ideas. Discussion continued about the core of downtown, store frontage, parking, and various property sites.

Community Development Director Chanski stated he will talk with Ms. Haskamp and Mr. Lamb about scheduling the next meeting and steps moving forward. He will discuss the outcome with the Planning Commission at their February 17th meeting.

The Commission thanked Ms. Haskamp and Mr. Lamb for the productive work session and look forward to meeting again.

#5 Adjourn

The Chair adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Michael Duval, Planning Commission Chair