



Planning Commission Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023 – 6:30 pm

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Eric Warnat, Commissioner
Patrick Hosterman, Commission Chair
Cody Davis, Commission Vice-Chair
Jeff Wheatley, Commissioner
Robert Hicks, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Tansy Schroeder, City Planner
Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk

Absent: Justin Burns, Commissioner; Melissa Toner, Commissioner

Also known to be present: N/A

Public Requests and Comments: None

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the October 9, 2023 Planning Commission meeting were unanimously.

New Business:

October Advisory Group Comment Summary

Staff provided the Advisory Group minutes from their last meeting in lieu of a summary. Commissioners would like to continue to review the minutes moving forward.

SMC Title 7 – Health and Sanitation and Title 8 – Animals Draft Text

Title 7 is the general nuisance code for the City. The rewrite of Title 7 will retain the existing chapters while updating the language for consistency with the style guide in addition to adding a new chapter for smoking and vaping.

Title 8 contains the animal control licensing and regulations of the City. This Title as currently written contains only one chapter and is difficult to follow and attempts to combine too many issues that may or may not be consistent. This Title has been revised into new, logical Chapters addressing specific issues for ease of reading and enforcement.

Commissioner Questions & Comments

- Have there been code enforcement complaints surrounding small livestock? Yes, there were complaints about pigs and roosters.
- Leave Chapter 8.40 – Livestock, as it is and add a provision for small livestock.
- Control noise and odors from livestock.
- Require a pet license for livestock as pets.
- Consider a minimum lot size for allowing livestock as pets.
- The Health and Sanitation chapter appears to be more applicable to commercial zones and not so much to residential.
- 7.04 – require those hauling large loads to ensure they're secured. Cross reference this section to hauling restrictions.



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Parks Policy Review

As part of the Comprehensive Plan Update process, the parks goals and policies need to be reviewed and updated. The policies were revised to reflect current conditions, simplify into “plain language” and to reduce redundancy.

Commissioner Questions & Comments

- The Commissioners support more parks, especially as the population grows.
- Add more parks in walking distance from neighborhoods.
- Support for more waterfront parks.
- Allow concession stands at parks.
- Support for dike trails.
- Complete a trail around the entirety of Heritage Park.
- Support for “view” parks.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan Elements: Introduction, Housing, Economic Development, Transportation, and Partial Land Use

Commissioner Questions & Comments

- Commissioners handed in their marked-up copies of the Comprehensive Plan Elements for staff to review.
- Mention urban sprawl and how we are developing the land that we have.
- Add an explanation of what the Urban Growth Areas are and how they work.
- Remove any pictures in the plan of cars with visible license plates.

Miscellaneous Business:

December Break

Recent Council Action on Commission Items:

- SMC Titles 3 and 5 are going to Council for a third and final reading.

Upcoming Items:

- Comprehensive Plan Elements: Utilities, Natural Environment, Capital Facilities, Shoreline

Adjourn: 7:40 pm