

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION
MULTNOMAH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2018

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair John Ingle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the Multnomah Building, Room 101, located at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present - Ingle, Vice-Chair Katharina Lorenz, Victoria Purvine, Bill Kabeiseman, Alicia Denney, Tim Wood, Chris Foster and Susan Silodor
Absent – Jim Kessinger
- III. **Approval of Minutes: February 5, 2018.**
Motion by Kabeiseman; seconded by Lorenz.
Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Opportunity to Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
None.
- V. **Worksession – Outdoor Gatherings (PC-2016-6021)**
Kevin Cook, Multnomah County Senior Planner, gave an overview of the staff report. He noted that since outdoor gatherings are not considered a land use, the purpose of this effort is to regulate the impacts of events to the extent that we can as a county entity. He also noted that this is a multi-agency effort, which includes such agencies as the Health Department, the Sheriff's office, OLCC, etc.

Cook proceeded on to the list of policy considerations. Kabeiseman cautioned about allowing a lot of discretion with these decisions. He feels they should be clear and objective standards. There was discussion about the individual policy considerations, which gave staff some context as to where the commissioners wanted to go with this subject matter.

Ingle asked if anyone in the general public wanted to make any comments.

Bob Wiley from Sauvie Island stated that it was pretty clear you are starting from scratch trying to address something that is out of control. If you live next to one of these properties that has these events on a frequent basis, we see some of the strangest things, including turning our property into a bathroom because there is nothing administering the proper number of toilets. Alcohol is free flowing, so if you think that the OLCC rules are being enforced, you're living in a fantasy land. The most absurd thing we see out of our window is a mixed-use day with a bicycle race passing by the duck blind where hunters are discharging firearms. I think there's a real need to have some kind of permitting process. And that permit needs to cost the event holder money commensurate with the resources being expended for the event. The underlying problem is capacity. It's going to be trial and error and will probably have to be adjusted over time, but it's a significant issue that is currently out of control.
- VI. **Briefing – Transportation's Roadway Capital Improvement Plan & Program (CIPP)**
Adam Barber, Senior Planner with Land Use Planning, introduced Jessica Berry, Senior Transportation Planner. Berry stated that they are holding public workshops in April and wanted

to brief the Planning Commission before those workshops are held. She noted that the Capital Improvement Plan is a 20-year plan to identify the needs we have on our roadways. The program part is a five year forecast where we look at what we anticipate our revenue will be and what we plan to spend that funding on. The projects we are looking at are on all County roads that includes bike and pedestrian infrastructure and non-Willamette River bridges and culverts. The Multnomah County Willamette River bridges were covered in 2015 through a large Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) update. Berry proceeded to go through the slide-show presentation.

VII. Briefing – Summary of Land Use Planning and Compliance Actions in 2017

Barber gave a synopsis of the past year's permit activity and compliance actions.

VIII. Director's Comments:

Mike Cerbone, Land Use Planning Director, told the Commissioners that we will be bringing an Affordable Housing bill and some amendments to the marijuana business code relating to sound before you in April. May and June are set aside for Metro's land use application to permit the North Tualatin Mountains Park, which is just north of Forest Park. The Commission will be acting as a quasi-judicial decision body for that matter. Lastly, staff recently attended a LUBA hearing, where a land use decision for a variance to a primary fire zone had been denied, because our code does not allow for a variance to the primary zone. It was appealed to LUBA and we are awaiting their decision as to whether our interpretation of our primary fire zone is accurate, or whether LUBA believes the appellant's interpretation is correct.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2018.

Recording Secretary,

Kathy Fisher