

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

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2019

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair John Ingle called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Multnomah Building, Room 101, located at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present – John Ingle, Victoria Purvine, Stephanie Nystrom, Kari Egger, Chris Foster and Tim Wood. Absent - Bill Kabeiseman, Alicia Denney and Susan Silodor,
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** June 3, 2019
Motion for approval by Purvine; seconded by Egger. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Opportunity to Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None.
- V. **Work Session:** Proposed 2020 Planning Commission Work Program
Kevin Cook, Senior Planner presented the 2020 Planning Commission Work Program and explained the new report format to rank items in categories Cook began his presentation by discussing the Table A projects; Mandated; Health/Life Safety; Efficiency and other projects. He then went on to talk the Commissioner’s through Attachment 1 - “On-Deck” projects that have been identified as work to be conducted in the near future. Cook continued by discussing Table C: EFU/CFU Legislation enacted by the State that effects County code.

After completing his review of the materials submitted by staff, he shared a letter from the Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) commenting on items listed in the 2020 Work Program.

Donis McArdle - addressed the commissioners by stating that the work program fails to contain items that protect the landowner. When Significant Environmental Concern for View overlays were added to properties, landowners were assessed an additional amount to their value for that designation. These properties now require additional screening techniques so as not to be seen from key viewing areas. As a result, the homeowner must block the view that they purchased. Please consider the property owners first when adding additional restrictions.

Commissioner Foster identified the wildfire safety improvement regulations in the Rural Residential zone as one priority since it has been on the list for several year.

Commissioners Purvine asked about items referenced in the FPNA letter. She agrees that the Commission should look at parking and items one through four do put an undue burden on the landowner and restricting the uses of the property.

Commissioner Egger agrees that pages one and two of the FPNA letter seem like reasonable requests but items one through four plus item nine may be a group’s opinion and not be in everyone’s best interest.

Commissioner Nystrom in referencing the FPNA letter would like to see item nine grouped with items five through eight as a clarification. She stated that she feels that the Commission should focus its efforts on life and safety items as well as the mandated items on the work program first,

specifically A4 and A5 wildfire and geologic concerns. She went on to ask why A7 mass gatherings would be considered a life and safety issue.

Cook responded that the issue around mass gathering is specific to Sauvie Island and the crowding that is occurring at events on the island during the summer months.

Commissioner Wood agreed that A4 and A5 should be priorities but felt that A11 House Bill 2001 is a huge mandate and it would behoove the County to get its hands around how it wishes to regulate single-family zoning in the future.

VI. Briefing: Multnomah County Road Capital Improvement Plan (RCIP) Update

Jessica Berry, Interim Transportation Planning and Development Manager presented the plan that has been in development for the past two years. The plan identifies larger construction projects that are based on values and priorities set by the community based on information gathered at numerous public outreach events. There are one hundred and thirty-two projects currently on the list covering one hundred seventy-four miles of our two hundred seventy-four miles of County roads. There are fifty-one capital projects in rural east county totaling six hundred eleven million dollars consisting mostly of road re-build projects. In the urban east county area there are fifty-two projects totaling two hundred sixty-nine million dollars consisting mostly of sidewalks, bike lanes and signal improvements. On the west side there are twenty-nine projects totaling four hundred seventy-four million dollars consisting of road re-builds, shoulder widening and culvert improvements. All capital projects combined total one point three billion dollars. The total cost for all maintenance needs between now and 2040 are estimated at five hundred eight-two million dollars. She concluded her presentation by informing the Commission that she plans to present the RCIP to the Board of County Commissioners on January 23, 2020 and informed them that the Division will update this plan every five years.

VII. Director's Comments: Adam Barber, Interim Planning Director, provided an update on the recruitment for a new Planning Director, explained the ramifications from the loss of one position in the Code Compliance section, and asked the Commissioners for assistance to find a new Hearing Officer to hear appeals for the current planning program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Recorded by Stuart Farmer