

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

MINUTES OF January 7, 2019

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair John Ingle called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Multnomah Building, Room 101, located at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR.

- II. **Roll Call:** Present – John Ingle, Katharina Lorenz, Jim Kessinger, Tim Wood, Susan Silodor, Victoria Purvine, Chris Foster and Bill Kabeiseman. Absent - Alicia Denney

- III. **Approval of Minutes: November 5, 2018**
Motion for approval by Kabeiseman; seconded by Lorenz. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **Opportunity to Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None.

- V. **Briefing** – Status of Multnomah County Transportation Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director introduced Mike Pullen, Public Affairs Coordinator, to provided an update on the County’s twenty year construction and replacement plan. He stated that David Evans and Associates is the technical lead on this project and JLA Public Involvement is assisting with the outreach effort. Cost estimates have been adjusted to provide a more accurate representation of current construction costs. Maintenance projects are not included in the CIP because this work is performed by County staff. He shared a map showing the location of the projects listed in the plan. \$91 million dollars has been identified to update our ADA ramps; \$37 million for upgrading fish passage in seventy-seven of our culverts. A half million dollars a year has been set-a-side for pavement overlays. He shared the ranking/scoring methodology to understand how projects priorities and indicated that public participation has been robust. The Department will be its final list of projects to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption in June of this year.

Commissioner Kabeiseman asked if the County has explored implementing a Transportation Impact Fee to pay for these projects.

Pullen responded that in the urban area the County does collect a System Development Charge that pay for road projects in the urban areas and indicated that all ideas for funding are on the table. The vehicle registration fee is one source of funding that offers some discretion in spending however the majority of the County’s funding comes from the gas tax.

Barber added that he sits on a METRO committee that discusses land use and transportation issues that impact the entire region. METRO also has a Transportation System Plan that looks at numerous jurisdictional issues and models congestion to identify where growth should occur and the impacts that it may have on the region.

Pullen indicated that staff would return with an update in April prior to going to the Board of

Commissioners for final approval.

VI. Hearing – Housekeeping Amendments relating to Chapters 38 and 39 (PC-2018-11006).

Kevin Cook, Senior Planner, introduced the staff report and stated these amendments make corrections to the zoning code such as spelling errors, incorrect cross references, outdated Oregon Revised Statute citations, and clarification of existing code. He shared each item listed in the staff report that needs to be changed in Chapter 38 pertaining to the National Scenic Area. He went on to discuss the additional changes identified in his January 4, 2019 memorandum that changed approval criteria inadvertently with the code consolidation project.

Commissioner Silodor **moved** adoption of the staff report and memorandum; Commissioner Foster **seconded** the motion. **Motion passed** unanimously.

VII. Work Session – Proposed 2019 Planning Commission Work Program

Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director, presented the draft work plan and asked for feedback on the list. He explained the four filters used to identify project to be worked on: those that are mandated by the State, those that have a health-life-safety component, those identified in the Comprehensive Plan, and those that will make us more efficient. Table “A” represents a list of the thirteen projects proposed for 2019 that rose to the top after applying these filters. He admitted that this is an ambitious list that may not be completed in one year. There are an additional thirty-five projects listed in table “B” that will likely be elevated on future work programs. He asked the Commissioners to consider if these are the correct projects to focus on this year.

VIII. Briefing – 2018 Recap of Land Use Planning and Compliance Activity

Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director shared his PowerPoint presentation showing case data and stated that the Division has three metrics to measure success in our office. On average, we receive 5000 to 8000 inquiries each year be it email phone calls or customers visiting our counter. State law allows permits to be processed in 150 days and we strive to complete 75% of permits within 120 days, 2018 saw 91.8% completed within the 120 days. The program also strives to resolve 90% of compliance cases voluntarily rather than through enforcement and last year the program achieved 95%. He is noticing a decline in the number of applications over the past five years.

IX. Director’s Comments: Michael Cerbone, Planning Director announced that we have a new Assistant Planner, Aldo Rodriguez starting January 14th. There will be no meeting for the Planning Commission in February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Recorded by Stuart Farmer