

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

MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2025

Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to Order

(00:00:10) Chair Bill Kabeiseman calls the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. on March 3, 2025.

2. Roll Call

(00:01:03) Chair Kabeiseman conducts a role call and declares a quorum present.

- Present – Chris Foster, Stephanie Nystrom, Kari Egger, Barbara Alexander, Bill Kabeiseman, John Houle, John Chen, Victoria Purvine
- Absent – Tim Wood

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

(00:02:54) Minutes from the February 3, 2025 meeting are presented for adoption.

(00:03:04) A motion to approve is made by Commissioner Nystrom.

(00:03:11) The motion is seconded by Commissioner Foster.

(00:03:14) A roll call vote is held. The motion to approve minutes is passed 6-0, with Commissioner Purvine abstaining.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

(00:03:49) Chair Kabeiseman asks to see if there is anyone from the public joining the meeting wanting to give public comment on non-agenda items. Scott Robison, Recording Secretary, lets him know that only one person signed up to join the meeting, but did not want to offer testimony.

5. Approval of Letter in Support of Adequate Staffing Resources for the Land Use Planning Division

(00:04:29) Commissioner Foster makes a motion to adopt the letter, and Commissioner Purvine seconds the motion. Commissioner Foster will print up and send out the letter when it's ready to go.

(00:06:02) Kevin Cook, Senior Planner, has talked with Commissioner Foster, and believes it makes the most sense to have the letter come directly from the Planning Commission as opposed to having Land Use staff send it out.

(00:06:44) Chair Kabeiseman asks for any comments on the substance of the letter, with any suggestions or concerns with how it is currently written.

(00:07:00) Commissioner Houle thinks the letter looks fine.

(00:07:00) Kevin Cook, Senior Planner, wanted to let the commission know that Commissioner Wood did submit an indication he supports the letter even though he's not in attendance this evening.

(00:08:36) A roll call vote is held. The motion to approve the letter is passed unanimously.

(00:09:45) Commissioner Foster will get Chair Kabeiseman's signature on the final letter, and then will get it to where it needs to go.

6. Management and Schedule Updates

(00:10:41) Megan Gibb, Director, introduces Andrew Mulkey as the new attorney for the land use group. Each of the commissioners introduces themselves, and talks about their background.

(00:19:01) Andrew Mulkey, Multnomah County attorney, appreciates the introductions from the planning commission. He just started with land use working for the county in the past couple weeks, and worked previously as the primary litigation attorney for 1000 friends of Oregon. Before that, he started his own land use/environmental practice.

(00:21:01) Commissioner Foster would like to know the make-up of the team that will be working on the upcoming code update.

(00:21:12) Kevin Cook, Senior Planner, says the team includes himself, Megan, and MIG consultants. The consultants have Matt Hastie is the lead, Carrie Brennecke and Emma Quinn-Smith as members as well. This team of three regular people from MIG will work on this project. They are familiar with our code and that's very helpful. Kevin will bring some of this team to the Planning Commission for introductions in future meetings.

(0:28:26) Chair Kabeiseman notes the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is on Monday, April 7th. The meeting is adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Scott Robison