

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

MINUTES OF April 3, 2023
Virtual Meeting/Zoom

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1. Call to Order

(00:00:01) Chair John Ingle calls the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. on April 3, 2023.

2. Roll Call

(00:00:30) Chair Ingle conducts a role call and declares a quorum present.

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

(00:00:45) Minutes from the March 6, 2023 meeting are presented for adoption.

(00:00:49) A motion to approve is made by Commissioner Alexander.

(00:00:57) The motion is seconded by Commissioner Kabeiseman

(00:01:12) A roll call vote is held. The motion to approve minutes is passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Planning Commission Order and findings recommending approval of Case # T4-2017-9166 / T3-2017-9165 / EP-2017-6780 to the Multnomah Board of County Commissioners

(00:03:22) Kevin Cook, Senior Planner, informs the commissioners that he has received information from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, however it can't be shared with the group given it was received after the public hearing and the record is closed. There is an option to re-open the hearing, but that would also allow for more testimony, and would require new public notice for an additional hearing date. The Board of County Commissioners will have access to this new information, and will be made aware that the Planning Commission voted to approve without the ODFW comment.

(00:07:13) Chair Ingle is not in favor of reopening the record so the ODFW comment can be reviewed given the reams of documentation and testimony in the record that has already been received and considered.

(00:10:26) Commissioner Nystrom believes the reason to open the record to see the ODFW comment is because the Planning Commission has spent months on this project and has a lot of experience to do this review.

(00:21:56) Commissioner Nystrom moves to table the matter before us and reopen the hearing to hear the ODFW comment and other testimony with a date and time certain of May 1st at 6:30pm.

(00:22:17) Commissioner Alexander seconds the motion, and limits the scope of discussion to the ODFW comment only.

(00:27:52) Gary Shepherd, attorney for Metro, objects to re-opening the record. If the record is opened again, it must be opened to everyone so they can comment. He made the point that this project has been in process for six years, and if a new submission is allowed, Metro would need 3-4 weeks of time to digest and respond to it.

(00:32:08) Commissioner Nystrom offers the new timeline that would leave the record open through May 18th and the next meeting would be June 5th at 6:30pm.

(00:33:30) Scott Robison, Recording Secretary, does a roll call vote for the motion and the results are as follows: Commissioner Alexander – Yes, Commissioner Egger – No, Commissioner Foster – No, Commissioner Kabeiseman – No, Commissioner Nystrom – Yes, Commissioner Purvine – No, Chair Ingle – No. The motion is denied.

(00:35:26) Commissioner Foster wanted to make sure the that the fact the final vote was 4 to 3 for T3-207-9165 from the March 6th Planning Commission meeting is clearly in the report that goes to the Board of County Commissioners.

(00:37:51) Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director, told the commission that other jurisdictions have put detailed final vote tallies in a table at the end of the document.

(00:39:07) Commissioner Nystrom suggests putting this vote count at the start of the document in the first two paragraphs, and clearly delineate that we were unanimous on the comprehensive plan portion and split on the community service Type 3.

(00:41:40) Commissioner Kabeiseman motions to adopt the revisions of T3-207-9165 / T4-2017-9166 / EP-2017-6780.

(00:41:44) Commissioner Egger seconds the motion.

(00:33:30) Scott Robison, Recording Secretary, does a roll call vote for the motion and the results are as follows: Commissioner Alexander – Yes, Commissioner Egger – Yes, Commissioner Foster – Yes, Commissioner Kabeiseman – Yes, Commissioner Nystrom – Yes, Commissioner Purvine – Yes, Chair Ingle – Yes. The motion is approved.

5. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

(00:43:39) Chair Ingle invites public comment on non-agenda items.

(00:43:56) Scott Robison, Recording Secretary, informs the commission there isn't any public member wishing to comment on non-agenda items at this time.

5. Management and Schedule Updates

(00:44:17) Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director, hopes we can do a meet and greet at the next meeting with Scot Siegel, the new Land Use Planning Director. He informed the group that we have three commissioners including: Denney, Egger, and Nystrom whose terms are ending and we are launching a recruitment to fill those open positions. Commissioners can stay on beyond their term while recruitment continues and reapply for the position if they want to. Next year, Commissioner Ingle and Wood have their terms expiring in May of 2024.

(00:47:32) Commissioner Foster asks about attendance policy in regards to the planning commissioner group, knowing some have been absent for multiple meetings.

(00:48:17) Kevin Cook, Senior Planner, says he'd have to look at the code for specifics. There are some nuances as when a hearing is continued between multiple meetings.

(00:49:30) Commissioner Kabeiseman knows a lot of land use attention is happening in the legislature around housing, and was hoping the commission could get an update a legislative update in July or August.

(00:49:52) Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director, says that a great idea to highlight some key bills related to urban growth boundary issues, housing issues, and semiconductor facilities.

(00:50:51) Commissioner Nystrom felt a little unprepared for the amount of information to go over in the last few hearings. She wonders if there is some way to change the deadlines to give more time to the commissioners to consider testimony and other things that may arrive at the last second.

(00:53:00) Commissioner Kabeiseman offered the solution of having a hearing, but not doing the deliberations or making a final decision until the following meeting. That would give more time for the commissioners to go over the new materials. Most felt like this was a reasonable solution.

(00:58:05) Commissioner Egger asks about when the planning commission meetings will be in person.

(00:58:16) Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director, explains that the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioner meetings are moving in the direction of more in-person meetings, but in person public meetings will also require a hybrid component for those who wish to join virtually. This will take additional planning as Land Use Planning has not had experience in this new arrangement, but will be looking into it.

(01:01:23) The meeting is adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Scott Robison