

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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2024
Virtual Meeting/Zoom

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1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6:33 p.m. on October 7, 2024.

2. Roll Call

Chair Ingle conducts a role call and declares a quorum present.

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

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes (July 8, 2024 meeting)

Minutes from the July 8, 2024 meeting are presented for adoption.

A roll call vote is held. The motion to approve minutes is passed unanimously.

4. Welcome new Planning Commissioner John Houle and Welcome new Planning Director Megan Gibb

Kevin Cook, Senior Planner, introduces both Commissioner John Houle, and Director Megan Gibb, and welcomes them to the group. Each of the commissioners introduces themselves, and talks about their background.

5. Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Scott Robison, Recording Secretary, lets the planning commission know that there is no member of the public who wanted to give testimony this evening.

6. Election of Officers – Open Seat for Planning Commission Chair

Commissioner Kabeiseman is nominated for the Planning Commission Chair. A roll call vote is held. The motion to approve Commissioner Kabeiseman as the Chair is passed unanimously.

7. Work Session – Case number PC-2024-0001 – Proposed amendments to the Significant Environmental Concern code – reorganization and code clarifications

Lisa Estrin, Senior Planner, discusses the proposed amendments to the Significant Environmental Concern code. In regards to the general provisions, and administrative procedures, the goal is to reorganize, clarify, and simplify the requirements and procedures. Sections of code proposed for modification include rules relating to general provisions and procedures, temporary dwellings for a health hardship, and temporary permits for certain uses and timeframes for those uses. The need for such various amendments was identified by staff with experience applying the existing code to projects. Commissioners asked clarifying questions about the possible changes, and Lisa answered them and gave context to those changes.

8. Management and Schedule Updates

Adam Barber, Deputy Planning Director, let the commission know that the recruitment for the senior planner position is in process. The land use customer service survey has been completed, and the results are being tabulated. Adam hopes we'll be able to start the code update in the new year.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 4th. The meeting is adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Scott Robison