

MINUTES
City of Newport Planning Commission
Regular Session
Newport City Hall Council Chambers
March 14, 2022

Planning Commissioners Present by Video Conference: Jim Patrick, Bob Berman, Lee Hardy, Braulio Escobar, Jim Hanselman, Gary East, and Bill Branigan.

City Staff Present by Video Conference: Community Development Director (CDD), Derrick Tokos; and Executive Assistant, Sherri Marineau.

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.** Chair Patrick called the meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 6:45 p.m. On roll call, Commissioners Patrick, Branigan, Berman, Hardy, Hanselman, Escobar, and East were present.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Approval of the Planning Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner Escobar to approve the Planning Commission Work Session meeting minutes of February 28, 2022 as written. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

B. **Approval of the Planning Commission Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2022.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner Escobar to approve the Planning Commission Regular Session meeting minutes of February 28, 2022 as written. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

3. **Action Items.**

A. **Initiate the Public Hearings Process for Housekeeping and 2021 Legislative Amendments.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner Hardy to the initiate the public hearings process for housekeeping and 2021 legislative amendments. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

5. **Public Hearings.** None were heard.

7. **Unfinished Business.** None were heard.

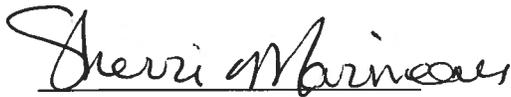
8. **Director Comments.** Tokos reported at the last City Council meeting they elected to hear the appeal, submitted by Dan McCrea, for the Conditional Use approval for the animal shelter on the record. McCrea supplemented his appeal petition and tied it to the record. This was available on the city's website. Tokos had received the supplement from McCrea and the County had a week

to prepare their response brief. The Council would pick up the perspective briefs at a hearing on April 4th.

Tokos thanked the Commissioners who participated in the joint meeting with the Council for the kickoff of the housing capacity analysis and production strategy meeting. Patrick thought the discussion was interesting but they could have had more time to discuss it. He thought it was a good start. Escobar pointed out it seemed like this was the old conflict of the cost to do something. It felt like that affordable housing only really happened with governmental funding. Patrick noted that they discussed infrastructure and increasing density. At some point they would be running over the capacity for infrastructure, which would get expensive quickly. Tokos agreed there were areas they didn't have the infrastructure scale to support a significant amount of density. Other areas had infrastructure that was underutilized where they could take on quite a bit. The development conditions were such that it wasn't attractive to do that kind of development.

9. **Adjournment.** Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Marineau
Executive Assistant