

MINUTES
City of Newport Planning Commission
Regular Session
Newport City Hall Council Chambers by Video Conference
May 10, 2021

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

Planning Commissioners Absent: Braulio Escobar (*excused*), and Gary East.

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 7:02 p.m. On roll call, Commissioners Hanselman, Branigan, Berman, Hardy, and Patrick were present.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

A. **Approval of the Planning Commission Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner Hanselman to approve the Planning Commission Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021 as written. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

3. **Citizen/Public Comment.** None were heard.

4. **Action Items.**

Commissioner Hardy reported that she had reviewed the materials for both action items in order to give her vote.

A. **File 1-NCU-21: Final Order and Findings.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Branigan, seconded by Commissioner Berman to approve the Final Order and Findings for File 1-NCU-21 with conditions. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

B. **File 2-NCU-21: Final Order and Findings.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Branigan, seconded by Commissioner Berman to approve the Final Order and Findings for File 2-NCU-21 with conditions. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

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

6. **New Business.** None were heard.

7. **Unfinished Business.**

A. **Updated Planning Commission Work Program.**

Tokos pointed out the change on the work program that picked up the second joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting on May 17th concerning the Transportation System Plan (TSP). There

were five Commissioners who said they could attend which gave them a quorum. Tokos reported he would have the rest of the summer meeting dates added to the work program at the next meeting. Patrick requested the joint meeting documents be given to the Commission ahead of the meeting.

8. Director Comments.

A. Yaquina Head Traffic Study Public Involvement Plan Draft (Informational).

Tokos noted that the study was informational and to help the Commission be aware it was a smaller companion study that would follow the TSP. It would be focused on the Yaquina Head Natural Area and would have a heavy bike/pedestrian focus in terms of Lighthouse Drive. This would open up the Federal Lands Access dollars. It was rare to access these funds because BLM was the only land Newport had that was relevant. This program could provide quite a bit of money for a project. If the lighthouse to lighthouse connection with the multiuse path on the west side of Highway 101 became a priority, these funds could help pay for the north end of this as it tied into the natural area.

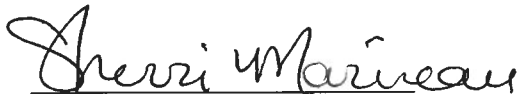
Berman noted the makeup of the oversight committee wasn't indicated on the draft. Tokos explained the oversight committee was a technical committee. He would be the person in the group from the City of Newport. James Feldman with the Department of Transportation served in a similar capacity in the group. Tokos reported that a lot of the people in the group would be BLM and other Federal Highways individuals.

Berman thought the section in the draft on public meetings and outreach was weak for the minority communities. He thought this should be brought up to the committee. Tokos reported he said something about this and he would be looking for this to be included in the revised draft.

Tokos reported the August meeting would be pushed out to sometime in the fall. Berman asked that the Commission be informed when the meetings would happen.

9. Adjournment. Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Marineau
Executive Assistant