

MINUTES
Warrenton Planning Commission
April 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Vice Chair Bridgens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Kevin Swanson, Christine Bridgens, Mike Moha, Jessica Sollaccio (virtually), Karin Hopper, and Cynthia O'Reilly

Absent: Chris Hayward

Staff Present: Planning Director Matthew Ellis, Interim City Planner Scott Fregonese (virtually) Planning Technician Rebecca Sprengeler, and Deputy City Recorder Hanna Bentley

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Planning Technician Rebecca Sprengeler noted a correction to the meeting minutes.

A. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – 3.14.24

Commissioner Swanson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Swanson-aye; Bridgens-aye; Moha-aye; Sollaccio-aye; Hopper-aye; O'Reilly-aye

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

6. BUSINESS ITEMS – None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Planning Commission Priorities for Planning Department

Planning Director Matthew Ellis. Mr. Ellis introduced himself. He would like to get an understanding of the Planning Commission's priorities moving forward. He reviewed the status of current projects including the sign code update, shipping container ordinance, keeping of residential poultry ordinance, mini-storage cap ordinance, residential code audit grant from DLCDC, and a fee resolution update.

Vice Chair Bridgens noted the property on E Harbor with derelict cars and asked about the enforcement status. It is in the enforcement process and a brief update was provided. Mr. Ellis will review the site and bring it back at the next meeting. Discussion followed about the Fort Pointe development on Ridge Road. There are concerns about the impact of the population increase on current public safety staffing. Increasing staffing levels will be dependent on increasing revenue. Commissioner Swanson is concerned about traffic safety, especially for children. Mr. Ellis noted the improvements that will be completed with Fort Pointe to mitigate traffic issues. Commissioner Sollaccio would like to see the Planning Commission be more proactive by pursuing grants to ensure the community functions for all members. She highlighted grants through DOT. She also explained the reason the Planning Commission limited the number of chickens to 12 in previous discussions. Commissioner Swanson requested a representative from ODOT attend meetings to ask questions. This could be arranged if there is a project-specific need for it. Commissioner Sollaccio noted concerns from Spruce Up Warrenton about improving pedestrian crossings on Main Street.

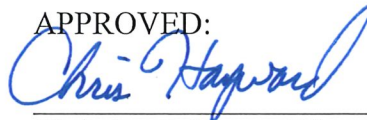
8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Ellis described education and experience in land use planning. He is looking forward to improving Warrenton's disaster planning and preparedness through improvements to the development code.

Mr. Fregonese thanked the Planning Commission and looks forward to working on the Middle Housing Code Update.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Bridgens adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED:



Christine Bridgens, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



~~Rebecca Sprengeler, Secretary~~

Judith Stich, Secretary