



MINUTES

(Approved on August 2, 2023)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (hybrid)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Chair), Andrew Strobel (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dorner, Robb Krehbiel, Brett Marlo, Matthew Martenson, Anthony Steele

ABSENT: Brett Santhuff

A. Call to Order

Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Chair Karnes read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Strobel moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

- January 18, 2023
- February 1, 2023

Vice-Chair Strobel moved to approve the January 18, and February 1, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

Stephen Atkinson, Principal Planner, reported that two written comments were received regarding the “Mor Furniture” application of the 2023 Annual Amendment package.

No individuals addressed the Planning Commission.

Public Comment ended at 5:02 p.m.

E. Disclosure of Contacts and Recusals

There were no disclosures of contacts or recusals.

Atkinson noted that a forcible system update had arisen and a system shutdown would likely occur during the meeting.

F. Discussion Items

1. 2023 Amendment Package Debriefing

Adam Nolan, Associate Planner, provided an overview of the “Mor Furniture Land Use Designation Change” application of the 2023 Annual Amendment to the One Tacoma Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code, including the timeline, public comment recap, status overview, a disclosure letter, the current and proposed land use designation, critical areas, buffer considerations, air quality, and next steps.

The Commission provided feedback and requested clarification on communication with the school district, the proposed use, designation change requests without future project plans, traffic impacts, parcel boundary, potential development under current zoning, access to the parcel, and community concerns.

The Planning Commission experience technical difficulties and recessed at 5:37 p.m. The Commission reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding staff's recommendation, removing the parcel from the Parks and Recreation Facilities map, the traffic impact analysis, and air quality.

Jana Magoon, Land Use Manager, reviewed the home address signage change in the "Minor Plan and Code Amendments".

The Commission provided feedback on letter stoke on signage and removing the size requirement.

Magoon outlined the "Electric Fence" application, including the City Council's request, the public review document, the current district allowance, a summary of public comments, and staff response.

The Commission provided feedback and requested clarification on outdoor storage, compatibility with other parts of the Code, landscaping requirements, electric fence heights, the Olympia model, setback on areas adjacent to residential areas, voltage and amperage regulations, the ability for emergency services to disable fences, and uses in specific zones.

Magoon reviewed the "Shipping Containers" application, including the public review document, public comments, staff feedback, and next steps.

2. Draft Letter on Joint Transit Oriented Development Task Force with Transportation Commission

Brian Boudet, Planning Manager, presented the draft letter, including background on the Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG) and the City Manager's recommendation.

Chair Karnes provided additional information regarding TODAG's work.

Vice-Chair Strobel suggested amending the second paragraph that begins "As Chair of the Planning Commission" to be written from the Commission as a whole.

Commissioner Steele moved to approve the letter as amended and create a Transit Oriented Development Task Force in collaboration with the Transportation Commission. Vice-Chair Strobel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the May 17, 2023, meeting includes:

- 2023 Amendment Package – Recommendation
- Urban Design Review
- Home In Tacoma Project – Phase 2

(2) Agenda for the June 7, 2023, meeting includes:

- To be determined

H. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

Atkinson outlined upcoming Home In Tacoma open house engagement dates and locations.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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