

CITY OF NORTH BEND PLANNING COMMISSION
- ACTION MEETING MINUTES -
Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, 211 Main Ave. N., North Bend, WA 98045

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners present: Gary Fancher (Chair), Elizabeth Gildersleeve, Scott Heller, Mary Miller, Dick Ryon, and Curtis von Trapp. Commissioner Luckey was unable to attend, and has been excused from tonight's meeting. City Staff Present: Jamie Burrell, Senior Planner; David Miller, Director of Community & Economic Development.

David Miller distributed to the Commissioners copies of a 11" x 17" map, titled "City of North Bend 2018-2023 TIP Projects".

AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval February 22, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

The Minutes for the February 22, 2018 Meeting were Approved.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Thomas Merry, 728 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA, spoke. Mr. Merry provided to the Commission a copy of a letter he had sent to the Planning Commission and City Council, dated January 15, 2018, as well as a copy of a Pierce County mailer/flyer, as an example of notices sent from other jurisdictions to advise of a land use action.

After Mr. Merry spoke, Community & Economic Development Director David Miller responded to some of Mr. Merry's comments. During Mr. Miller's response, there was dialog between Mr. Merry and Mr. Miller.

Rob McFarland, P. O. Box 2930, North Bend, WA, spoke. During Mr. McFarland's comments, Mr. Miller and Senior Planner Jamie Burrell responded to Mr. McFarland's statements.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Election of Planning Commission Officers (Chair and Vice Chair) for 2018

Chair Fancher briefed the Commission on the procedures for electing a Chair and Vice Chair, and advised that the positions will become effective immediately following the vote.

Chair Fancher asked for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Ryon nominated Scott Heller for Chair of the Planning Commission. There were no other nominations given. Chair Fancher called for a vote. The hand vote was 6-0 to Approve Commissioner Heller as Chair.

Commissioner von Trapp nominated Elizabeth Gildersleeve as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. There were no other nominations given. Chair Fancher called for a vote. The hand vote was 6-0 to Approve Commissioner Gildersleeve as Vice Chair.

After the vote, Commissioner Fancher left the meeting for a school board meeting, and Chair Heller took over management of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Planning Commission Deliberation on Tree Retention Amendments to North Bend Municipal Code (NBMC) Chapter 19.10, Clearing, Grading, Filling and Drainage

Ms. Burrell advised the Commission and guests why the previously scheduled public hearing on the topic of Tree Retention Amendments had been cancelled and re-scheduled for the March 22, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting. Ms. Burrell and Mr. Miller briefed the Commission and guests on the status of the proposed amendments to the city's Tree Retention code.

There was discussion, including questions, answers, and proposed edits, between the Commissioners and city staff regarding the proposed tree retention amendments. During discussion, Mr. McFarland was allowed to engage in discussion and make comment to the Commission and city staff.

For the Good of the Order

Chair Heller asked if anyone had anything for the good of the order.

Mr. McFarland made comment and asked a question about the timeline of the proposed tree amendments.

Commissioner Ryon said we need to be careful with these (tree) amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held March 22, 2018 at the City Hall Conference Room.

ATTEST:

Scott Heller (Chair)

Jamie Burrell, City of North Bend