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NORTH BEND PLANNING COMMISSION
- ACTION MEETING MINUTES -
Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM
North Bend City Hall,
920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA 98045

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7 *Please Note: A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City of North Bend website,*
8 *www.northbendwa.gov, under: Government - Boards & Commissions - Planning Commission - Meeting Audio*

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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

11 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

12 **ROLL CALL**

13 Planning Commissioners present: James Boevers, Scott Greenberg, Heather Koellen, Rob McFarland, Mary
14 Miller, Suzan Torguson, and Gary Towe (Chair). City Staff Present: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner; Jesse
15 Reynolds, Senior Long Range Planner; David Miller, Economic Development Director.

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17 **AGENDA ITEM #2: Approval of Agenda**

18 The Agenda for tonight's meeting was Approved.

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20 **AGENDA ITEM #3: Approval September 12, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

21 Chair Towe recused himself from the vote on the Minutes as he was not present at the last meeting.

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23 The Minutes for the September 12, 2019 meeting were Approved.

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25 **AGENDA ITEM #4: Opportunity for Public Comment**

26 Chair Towe asked if anyone from the public had comment on any topic. No one so spoke.

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28 **AGENDA ITEM #5: Brief Presentation On the First Mestia, Georgia Exchange Visit – Purpose of**
Exchange, Initial Lessons Learned, Next Steps (David Miller)

29 Chair Towe asked if anyone from the public had comment on any topic. No one so spoke.

30 David Miller gave a briefing on the trips staff had made to Mestia, Republic of Georgia, how it came about, and
31 where the funding for the trips came from.

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33 Jesse Reynolds continued briefing the Commissioners about the trips staff made and will make to Mestia,
34 Georgia, and during this portion of the meeting gave a slide show presentation with narration about the area
35 around Mestia, Georgia. Mike McCarty also gave information to the Commissioners about the Mestia exchange.

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37 **AGENDA ITEM #6: Presentation on Affordable Housing – Legislation, Options, and**
Opportunities (David Miller)

38 Chair Towe asked if anyone from the public had comment on any topic. No one so spoke.

39 Mr. Miller briefed the Commissioners on affordable housing, and the city's future intentions concerning this
40 issue. Mr. Miller also reviewed and made comments on the memorandum on affordable housing that is part of the
41 Planning Commission's Agenda packet for tonight's meeting.

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43 During Mr. Miller's briefing, there was discussion with the Planning Commissioners, including questions asked
44 and answers given. The discussion included impact fees, frontage improvements, and incentives, and how that
45 impacts new development coming into the city.

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47 **For the Good of the Order**

48 Chair Towe asked if anyone had anything else for the good of the order.

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1 Commissioner McFarland told the Commissioners and staff that both Volition Brewing's grand opening, and the
2 Fall For The Arts event being held at the North Bend Theatre, are this Saturday, September 28th. The following
3 Saturday, October 5th, is the Love Snoqualmie Valley event, a valley wide volunteer day, from 8AM to 12PM,
4 sponsored by the I-90 Community Church.

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6 Commissioner Greenberg said the North Bend Rotary Club is starting evening meetings at 5:30 PM (instead of
7 the early morning meetings) on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of the month. The next meeting is October 1st, 5:30 PM
8 at the Iron Duck.

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10 **AGENDA ITEM #7: Adjournment**

11 The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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13 **NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

14 The October 10, 2019 Meeting has been cancelled. The next Planning Commission meeting will be a Special
15 Meeting held October 17, 2019 at North Bend City Hall, and will be a Joint Meeting with the Parks Commission,
16 Economic Development Commission, and the city's guests from Mestia, Georgia.

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21 Gary Towe, Chair

Mike McCarty, City of North Bend