

**PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2020 AT 6:45 PM
CORDOVA CENTER COMMUNITY ROOMS A & B
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair *Tom McGann* called the Planning Commission Regular Meeting to order at 6:45 PM on March 10, 2020 in Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B.

2. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were Chair *Tom McGann* and Commissioners *Scott Pegau, John Baenen, Nancy Bird, Chris Bolin,* and *Mark Hall*. *Trae Lohse* was absent.

Also present was City Planner *Leif Stavig*.

Two people were in the audience.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/Pegau S/Bolin to approve the agenda.

Upon voice vote, motion passed 6-0.

Yea: McGann, Pegau, Baenen, Bird, Bolin, Hall

Absent: Lohse

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Pegau said he had a conflict with the one agenda item. The commission did not object.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

a. Guest Speakers

b. Audience comments regarding agenda items

Rich Rogers, said that as a project manager for the Science Center, he would be working on the project for some time. The project gives the Science Center room to grow. They are working on the permitting for the seawater pump. There shouldn't be any surprises about what is before them tonight.

Katrina Hoffman said they are collaborating with the city on the sewer line, which will become a new asset for the city. She thanked the commission for taking their request under consideration.

7. PLANNER'S REPORT

Stavig said the city budget is on the city webpage. He encouraged the commission to take a look at that. Between the budget and the new comprehensive plan, someone could learn a lot about the city. He said that he attended the planning conference in Anchorage and *Bird* and *Hall* attended the Planning

Commissioner Training. He thought if there was enough in the budget it would be great if someone from the commission could go to the full conference. He thought it was interesting to see different communities dealing with similar issues. He said office traffic has been nonstop.

8. NEW/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

a. Permit 'Marine Education and Science Activities' as a Use on ASLS 2001-5

M/Bird S/Bolin to permit 'marine education and science activities' as a permitted use on ASLS 2001-5.

Bird said it was laid out well in the packet and she agrees with the findings. *Bolin* said that it would be a good fit with the community and aligned with the comprehensive plan. *Hall* said that there is land owned by the city around the area, and the new sewer line would increase the value of the land.

Stavig said that the land is deed restricted for public use. He has heard people talk about the land disposal to the Science Center, and he thinks people have forgotten that the land is dedicated for a public purpose. The way the Science Center is developing the property and the purpose of the Conservation District goes together well.

Rogers said that he envisioned limited tree cutting and foundation work to commence in the fall. *Hoffman* said that they have been working with the City Parks and Recreation Department on the use of the campsites, which will continue until the end of August.

Upon voice vote, motion passed 6-0.

Yea: McGann, Pegau, Baenen, Bird, Bolin, Hall

Absent: Lohse

9. PENDING CALENDAR

Stavig said that most of the city staff is part of the Emergency Management Organization. His role is Planning Section Chief, and the training he may attend in April is a four-day course funded by a grant. It is a whole side of the city most people don't know about that is very interesting.

10. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Hoffman thanked the commission.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Hall said he was looking forward to construction of the Science Center.

Bolin said the Science Center has done a lot for the city and looks forward to seeing what they do in the future.

Baenen said after 30 years, it's about time they had a better place.

McGann said he was glad they went through the formality. He said that he wants to restart the discussion on Title 16.

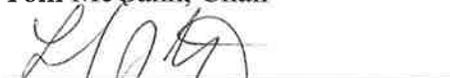
12. ADJOURNMENT

M/Bolin S/Baenen to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:47 PM.
With no objection, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved:



Tom McGann, Chair



Leif Stavig, City Planner

