



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers
10501 SE Main Street
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May 14, 2024

Present: Jacob Sherman, Chair
Joshua Freeman, Vice Chair
Joseph Edge
Tina Fuenmayor
Will Mulhern

Staff: Ryan Dyar, Associate Planner
Laura Weigel, Planning Manager

Absent: Aaron Carpenter

(00:18:00)

1.0 Call to Order — Procedural Matters*

Chair Sherman called the meeting to order just after 6:30 p.m., read the conduct of meeting format into the record. **Vice Chair Freeman** read the Native Lands Acknowledgment and continued to chair the rest of the meeting.

Note: The information presented constitutes summarized minutes only. The meeting video is available by clicking the Video link at <http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/meetings>.

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2.0 Planning Commission Minutes

The April 9, 2024, minutes were approved as presented.

(00:20:26)

3.0 Information Items

Planning Manager, Laura Weigel let the commission know that Amy Erdt has resigned from the Planning Commission and a new commissioner will be appointed in July 2024. **Weigel** gave an update that staff member **Ryan Dyar** has been promoted to Associate Planner. **Weigel** provided an update on the neighborhood HUBS continuation following the recent City Council meeting, the conversation will continue July 16, 2024.

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4.0 Audience Participation

No information was presented for this portion of the meeting.

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5.0 Community Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC)

No information was presented for this portion of the meeting.

(00:28:02)

6.0 Work Session Items

(00:28:07)

6.1 Draft Transportation System Plan Goals and Policies

Weigel presented an overview of the previous staff report verbally. **Weigel** moved forward with discussing each goal and policy with the commission. Regarding the equity goal, **Edge** commented on reducing urban flooding impact, heat island effects, access to nature / trails, and resiliency in natural hazard areas. **Vice Chair Freeman** agreed with **Edge** and highlighted that the vulnerable system user should be a prioritized targeted audience. **Weigel** discussed the next steps using the planning commission's feedback and revisions. **Chair Sherman** proposed sending an updated version of the goals and policies to the commission prior to meeting with council, **Edge** agreed with **Chair Sherman**. Climate friendly goals and policies: **Edge** expressed that the climate goal is currently trying to do too much and that a new goal should be created for ecological justice, **Edge** also shared his thoughts on Milwaukie becoming a leading small city in climate policy and that the goal language should reflect that ambition. **Commissioner Tina Fuenmayer** questioned the process for reviewing and prioritizing these goals. **Chair Sherman** shared his thoughts on the climate goal statement and language around the goal, **Chair Sherman & Fuenmayer** agreed with **Edge's** sentiments regarding creating an additional goal for environmental justice. **Vice Chair Freeman** questioned how many goals are truly actionable. **Weigel** discussed the city's budget and how it relates to prioritizing projects. **Associate Planner Ryan Dyar** discussed the scoring process for projects. **Commissioner Will Mulhern** shared his thoughts on adding an additional goal and recommended that the document make a clearer distinction between climate mitigation and adaptation. **Mulhern** asked about the conversation that led to striking out the term 'climate change'. **Dyar** explained that it was most likely to refine the goal's statement to be more inclusive of policies under the goal that are unrelated to climate change. Staff and the commission continued to discuss the process, function, and funding of the climate goal. Transit forward goal: **Mulhern** asked for an overview of how we work with other transit agencies. **Weigel** explained that when these agencies are in planning phases, they reach out to the city for open dialogue on what is needed. **Chair Sherman** brought up the need for transit connections to jobs, simplifying the name of the goal, and adding safety on transit. **Edge** discussed high-capacity transit routes and improvements to transit stations. Mobility, accessibility & connectivity goal: **Edge** discussed the wording in item 2. **Chair Sherman** discussed adding language to items 5 and 8. **Vice Chair Freeman** asked the commission to provide staff with potential language when making recommendations. Active healthy transportation choice's goal: **Chair Sherman** brought up the wording in item 7 and provided example language. **Edge** discussed the different classifications of commuter routes. **Weigel** talked about design standards, funding, the functional classifications of Milwaukie's streets, and performance measures. **Fuenmayer** commented on the wording in item 1. Coordination with local, regional, and state partners: **Edge** commented on state and regional work regarding wildlife mobility and habitat connectivity. **Edge** and **Weigel** discussed the ODOT and railroad facilities. **Chair Sherman** commented on the safety of the ODOT and railroad facilities. **Fuenmayer** commented on adding language to item 1. **Chair Sherman** mentioned coordinating

with the City of Portland regarding crossing elimination. Resiliency goal: **Mulhern** suggested changing this goal to emergency preparedness and proposed moving item 2 to the newly proposed ecological justice goal and provided example language. **Edge** commented on facilities being resilient to the 500-year floodplain and recommended changing the reference in item 4. **Edge** questioned the strikeout of the public works practice in this policy. **Dyar** spoke to the strikeout as well as the floodplain language. **Chair Sherman** further discussed the language around the floodplain and recommended using a more general term. Fiscal stewardship and system management: **Weigel** brought up moving 'explore and utilize grants' from other 'buckets' within the plan and placing it into this goal. **Chair Sherman** discussed the difference between a policy used to score projects vs other city policies that are important but are inoperable as evaluation criteria. **Chair Sherman** expressed the need to better understand how the goals and policies will be used to rank projects. **Edge** discussed the language in item 2 and expressed excitement for item 4. The commission continued to discuss the language within this policy. Economic vitality: **Edge** commented on item 4, expressing a desire to clearly state that the city wants to establish low-stress infrastructure in commercial hubs. **Chair Sherman** questioned how we are working with our partners in urban growth management areas on projects. **Weigel** explained how projects include committee and advisory members. **Chair Sherman** and **Edge** expressed satisfaction with item 5. **Edge** and **Chair Sherman** discussed bike transit needs. **Weigel** explained there will be more discussions regarding bike transit over the summer. **Fuenmayor** brought up language specificity regarding connectivity between living areas and economic areas. Parking Goal: **Edge** questioned what transportation projects are impacted by this goal. Staff explained that this goal is more related to how the city is managing parking and doesn't really play a role in the ranking of projects. The commission and staff discussed organizing policies throughout the TSP. Safety goal: **Mulhern** commented on splitting item 8 into 2 parts. **Chair Sherman** asked about neighborhood traffic management programs. **Weigel** linked the traffic management reference to the upcoming SPOT program. **Chair Sherman** commented on cut-through traffic policy and speed reduction. **Chair Sherman** discussed prioritized transit methods by establishing a modal hierarchy in the TSP. **Edge** commented on communicating the modal hierarchy, as well as more language around 'Vision Zero'. **Edge** questioned why item 6 was crossed out. **Dyar** explained that it is redundant to item 8. **Edge** also commented on items 2 & 3. **Chair Sherman** commented on the language in item 1 and confirmed who maintains Johnson Creek. **Fuenmayor** commented on clear vision standards and pedestrian blind spots. **Weigel** discussed the current requirements and agreed to work on additional language around the clear vision standards. **Edge** asked about including policy language about Transportation Demand Management programming for schools. **Weigel** agreed to think about what language can be added to the policy. **Chair Sherman** shared his thoughts on supporting alternative modes of transportation to schools / 'safe routes to school' plans. **Fuenmayor** mentioned including high schools along with elementary and middle schools into the policy. **Edge** asked if an agreement could be made with the county / ODOT to build to city standards. **Weigel** replied no. The commission discussed project coordination issues between the city and the county along with additional safety concerns related to slowing traffic along state-owned facilities and jurisdictional transfer of state owned facilities. The conversation came to a close.

(03:10:39)

6.2 Community Involvement Advisory Committee Overview

This work session item has been postponed for a future meeting.

(03:10:39)

7.0 Planning Department/Planning Commission Other Business/Updates

Chair Sherman asked the commission to let staff know if they will have any scheduling conflicts over the summer. **Vice Chair Freeman** informed the commission of the upcoming Juneteenth event on June 15th from 11am-3pm at Ball-Michel park.

(03:11:40)

8.0 Forecast for Future Meetings

May 28, 2024,	No items at this time
June 11, 2024,	Hearing Items: Downtown Design Review for 1847 Food Park Variance Request (11932 SE 35 th Ave) Campbell Charter School Conversion

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Petra Johnson, Administrative Specialist II