



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers
10722 SE Main Street
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July 25, 2023

Present: Jacob Sherman, Chair
Joshua Freeman, Vice Chair
Aaron Carpenter
Joseph Edge
Lauren Loosveldt
Will Mulhern

Staff: Ryan Dyar, Assistant Planner
Justin Gericke, City Attorney
Brett Kelter, Senior Planner
Laura Weigel, Planning Manager

Absent: Amy Erdt

(00:22:13)

1.0 Call to Order — Procedural Matters*

Chair Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., read the conduct of meeting format into the record, and Native Lands Acknowledgment.

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

(00:23:21)

2.0 Planning Commission Minutes

2.1 June 27, 2023, minutes were approved with a 6-0 vote.

(00:24:07)

3.0 Information Items

Planning Manager, Laura Weigel, introduced **Commissioner Will Mulhern**.

(00:29:00)

4.0 Audience Participation

No information was presented for this portion of the meeting.

(00:29:28)

5.0 Community Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC)

Weigel gave a second update on planning department staff attending NDA meetings to review and discuss the land use notification training.

(00:30:51)

6.0 Hearing Items

6.1 ZA-2023-005, Design and Landmarks Committee Code Amendments

Senior Planner, Brett Kelper, announced the applicable sections of the Milwaukie Municipal Code (MMC): MMC19.902, MMC19.1008. **Commissioner Mulhern** abstained from participating in the hearing since it was his first meeting. **Weigel** presented the staff report via a power point presentation. Both are included in the meeting packet. It was presented that the DLC code amendments were prompted based on an infrequent need for application review, an improved downtown design review code, the high level of staff involvement with managing the committee, a lack of an immediate long-range project, and a need to focus on other high priority projects coming out of the updated comprehensive plan. The city received a letter from the Milwaukie Historical Society opposing the code amendments, with ten people writing in support of the MHS position. Two other people also provided testimony in opposition. It was noted that staff discussed retiring the DLC with City Council back on June 6, 2023, with staff recommending that Council approve the proposed amendments.

Greg Hemer, Communications Director of the Milwaukie Historical Society, and Milwaukie resident, spoke in opposition of retiring the DLC, citing that it is imperative to keep the landmarks portion of the committee. **Hemer** offered additional ideas on how to retain the DLC.

Chair Sherman closed the public testimony.

Commission Discussion:

The commission discussed the importance of the DLC and the need for further research. **Commissioner Joseph Edge** motioned to recommend that Council deny ZA-2023-005. **Commissioner Aaron Carpenter** seconded the motion. The motion to deny the code amendments was passed with a 4-1 vote (1 abstention).

(01:44:13)

7.0 Work Session Items

7.1 Bicycle Parking Standards

Assistant Planner Ryan Dyar presented the staff report via a power point presentation. Both are included in the meeting packet. **Dyar** updated the commission on the CFEC rulemaking which disrupts the quantity calculations for residential bicycle parking. **Dyar** reviewed the current code and the changes under consideration for residential development. **Chair Sherman** asked a clarifying question regarding minimum parking for visitors. **Dyar** explained that he is not aware of any public facility improvement requirements but would confirm. **Dyar** presented key questions for the commission's consideration regarding bicycle parking and residential development. The commission discussed the key questions with staff. **Dyar** then reviewed the current code and the changes under consideration for commercial development. The commission discussed

additional considerations with staff. **Dyar** explained the short- and long-term bicycle parking quantities for commercial development. **Dyar** presented key questions for the commission's consideration regarding bicycle parking and commercial development. The commission discussed the key questions with staff. **Chair Sherman** ended the work session.

(02:36:48)

8.0 Planning Department/Planning Commission Other Business/Updates

Chair Sherman advertised Porch Fest and the Farmer's Market.

(02:38:30)

9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings

August 8, 2023	Hearing Item(s):	No items at this time.
August 24, 2023	Hearing Item(s):	CSU-2023-002 – Balfour Park CSU-2023-003 – Bowman-Brae Park

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Petra Johnson, Administrative Specialist II