

**CITY OF MILWAUKIE
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main Street
TUESDAY, July 9, 2013
6:30 PM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Lisa Batey, Chair
Clare Fuchs, Vice Chair
Scott Barbur
Sine Bone
Gabe Storm

STAFF PRESENT

Stephen C. Butler, Interim Planning Director

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Shaun Lowcock
Wilda Parks

1.0 Call to Order – Procedural Matters*

Chair Batey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the conduct of meeting format into the record.

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

2.0 Planning Commission Minutes – None

3.0 Information Items – None

4.0 Audience Participation –This is an opportunity for the public to comment on any item not on the agenda. There was none.

5.0 Public Hearings – None

6.0 Worksession Items

- 6.1 Summary: Planning Commission Educational Video – “Aging in Place: Planning’s Roles and Responsibilities” – American Institute of Certified Planners, December 2012
Staff: Steve Butler

Steve Butler, Interim Planning Director, introduced the presentation and noted the context of the topic with regard to Milwaukie’s aging population. (A link to the PowerPoint presentation can be found at <http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/planning-commission-84>.)

The Planning Commission viewed and discussed the presentation.

The Commission noted that it was important that the City allowed for low income housing. This could be done through “inclusionary zoning” where new developments were required to include a certain percentage of low income housing, which elderly residents may qualify for. However, current Oregon law prohibited inclusionary zoning. Promoting accessible housing for the elderly

could be done through amendments to the building code for elements such as wider doorways, etc. One of the biggest disadvantages to the elderly in Milwaukie was the lack of sidewalks.

Mark Gamba, City Councilor, in the audience noted alternative options to traditional sidewalks: were there other, cheaper options than street/curb/sidewalk design that would make a road comfortably walkable?

7.0 Planning Department Other Business/Updates

7.1 Tacoma Station Area Plan update

Staff: Steve Butler

Mr. Butler said that the Council adopted the Tacoma Station Area Plan at their meeting on July 2, 2013. He noted changes made to the findings regarding employment goals and the north-south bridge connection across Johnson Creek Blvd at Clatsop, although a potential east-west connection was included. Regarding expanding the M Zone west of McLoughlin Blvd, Council directed staff to construct a work plan no sooner than July 2014 for the planning process for that potential project.

7.2 Riverfront Park Update

Staff: Stephen Butler

Mr. Butler said that the City was awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the Oregon Marine Board with an additional \$1 million match from the Good Neighbor Fund for the southern half of the park to construct the boat ramp, parking lot, and improved access to begin June 2014. Another grant for \$220,000 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department was likely for the northern section of the park to build a path along the bank, relocate power poles, and install riparian enhancements around Klein Point. Funding was still need for the rest of the project elements.

Chair Batey asked if the nonmotorized boat ramp had been removed from the plan.

Mr. Butler stated that JoAnn Herrigel, Parks and Sustainability Director, could present an update to the Commission in September.

Chair Batey inquired about the murals code. **Mr. Butler** noted that although the project had been put on hold due to legal concerns, the project was slowly coming back online.

7.3 Consultants for the Commercial Core Enhancement Project

Staff: Stephen Butler

Mr. Butler noted that the City held interviews with four consultant teams for the Commercial Core Enhancement Project, now known as Moving Forward Milwaukie. The Planning Department recommended a team led by ECONorthwest and Fregonese Associates. He expected Council to take action at their meeting on July 16, 2013.

8.0 Planning Commission Discussion Items – None

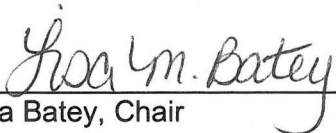
9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings:

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| July 23, 2013 | 1. Public Hearing: VR-12-05 Setback Variance <i>continued from 6/25/13</i> |
| | 2. Worksession: TSP Update Project Briefing |
| August 13, 2013 | 1. TBD |

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Haugen, Administrative Specialist II for
Alicia Martin, Administrative Specialist II



Lisa Batey, Chair