

# PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Staff:

City Hall Council Chambers 10722 SE Main Street www.milwaukieoregon.gov March 27, 2018

Vera Kolias, Associate Planner

Present: Kim Travis. Chair

John Henry Burns, Vice Chair

Joseph Edge Greg Hemer Scott Jones

Absent: Adam Argo

Sherry Grau

## 1.0 Call to Order – Procedural Matters\*

**Chair Travis** 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 <a href="http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/meetings">http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/meetings</a>.

# **2.0 Planning Commission Minutes** — None

### 3.0 Information Items

**Vera Kolias, Associate Planner**, noted that the Comprehensive Plan Community Town Hall event was schedule for the following Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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

5.1 Summary: Scott Park Master Plan Removal from the Comprehensive Plan

Applicant: City of Milwaukie

File: CPA-2018-001

Staff: Vera Kolias, Associate Planner

**Chair Travis** called the hearing to order and read the conduct of legislative hearing format into the record.

**Ms. Kolias** presented the staff report via PowerPoint and reviewed the background and proposal. The Scott Park Master Plan was created in 1990 to improve the park's identity, safety, and visibility. The improvements called for in the master plan have not been completed and some improvements that have occurred do not meet the plan. The reason for removing the plan as an ancillary document of the Comprehensive Plan was as a result of the proposed reconstruction and expansion of the Ledding Library. The library project conflicts with some specific elements of the master plan but not with the goals of the plan. A number of the

elements and goals of the plan would be accommodated by the proposed library project such a walking path to the library and Spring Creek, the library's corner design, stormwater gardens, and native plantings and removal of invasive plants. In addition, the Milwaukie Urban Renewal Plan included improvements to Scott Park and North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) had a capital improvement project identified to develop a new Scott Park Master Plan.

**Ms. Kolias** stated that another key issue involved Metro's Title 13 Goal Nature in Neighborhoods and reiterated that the library project would include significant improvements and mitigation to the water quality resources and habitat conservation areas on the site. Removing the plan from the Comprehensive Plan did not affect the purpose of Title 13.

The primary intent of the removal was to remove an outdated master plan and reduce barriers for the Ledding Library project. **Ms. Kolias** added that the staff recommendation was for the Commission to recommend approval to City Council and she reviewed the decision-making options.

**Ms. Kolias** clarified that improvements to parks that were not consistent with old and outdated master plans essentially would be in violation of the Comprehensive Plan. She added that a discussion through the Comprehensive Plan project was to remove the park master plans as specific plan documents from the Comprehensive Plan.

**Commissioner Hemer** suggested a recommendation to City Council to ensure that NCPRD make the development of a new Scott Park Master Plan a priority.

Chair Travis closed public testimony.

**Commissioner Edge** agreed with the proposal and noted that the master plan was created before the City moved to have NCPRD manage its parks; therefore, the master plan was essentially a hindrance to improvements. He agreed with Commissioner Hemer's suggestions, particularly in terms of the park's location and proximity to the library.

**Vice Chair Burns** noted that there were a number of parks without master plans. NCPRD had the development of a new Scott Park Master Plan identified and funded as a project so did not believe a recommendation of priority to Council was necessary.

Commissioner Hemer moved and Commissioner Edge seconded to recommend approval to City Council for legislative application CPA-2018-001 for the removal of the Scott Park Master Plan from the Comprehensive Plan with the recommended findings as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Edge moved and Commissioner Argo seconded to make a recommendation to City Council that, after completion of the Ledding Library project, the City would pursue an agreement with NCPRD to create a new Scott Park Master Plan.

- **6.0 Worksession Items** None
- 7.0 Planning Department Other Business/Updates
- 8.0 Planning Commission Discussion Items

CITY OF MILWAUKIE PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes of March 27, 2018 Page 3

Commissioner Hemer reminded the group of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner schedule for March 29th.

The Commission and staff discussed the process for the meeting materials.

#### 9.0 **Forecast for Future Meetings:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:03 p.m.

April 10, 2018

1. Public Hearing: CSU-2018-002 Ledding Library Reconstruction

April 24, 2018, 2018 1. Public Hearing: CSU-2018-001 Milwaukie High School Lake Rd

Athletic Fields

2. Public Hearing: VR-2018-002/ADU-2018-001 10565 SE 23rd

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Martin, Administrative Specialist II

Kim Travis, Chair