

I. Call to Order

A regular session of the Gresham Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chair Richard Anderson on the 9th of December 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Springwater Trail Conference Room at Gresham City Hall located at 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham Oregon. The meeting was digitally recorded. Minutes prepared by Jennifer McGinnis.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Richard Anderson, Vice-Chair
Jef Kaiser
Laura Pramuk
Sue Ruonala
Mike Bennett

STAFF PRESENT: David Berniker
Katherine Kelly
Mary Phillips
Josh Williams
Amanda Lunsford
Jennifer McGinnis

COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT: Councilor Hinton

COUNCIL LIAISONS ABSENT: Councilor Widmark

II. Work Session/Discussion Items

Design Commission Projects Update:

Staff gave a presentation about numerous housing projects that have been approved, are in the permitting process, are currently under construction, and/or have been completed. The Commission and staff discussed how parking needs can be met, the need to balance different transportation options, and the importance of design standards for medium to high density projects.

Development Code & Process Update – Phase I:

Staff gave a presentation about the Development Code & Process Updates under review which will go to Planning Commission for hearing on March 9, 2020. Staff explained that the revisions are being made in order to improve the code by making it clearer and more responsive for staff, citizens, and developers. Staff explained that Phase I of the changes will focus on items that are time-sensitive, high-priority, and policy neutral that can be done easily and quickly. Then staff went through the changes under review which include revisions to the tree code, gravel parking, design review, and historic preservation.

The Commission and staff discussed how tree regulations have impacted certain projects and how design review will be applied to projects that come about as a result of HB 2001.

Corridor Project Update:

Staff provided a brief summary and update regarding the Corridor Project, which will include combining and reformatting the multi-family and commercial design criteria in the Development Code.

III. Other Business/Adjournment

October 28, 2019 Planning Commission minutes

The Commission suggested a few changes to the draft minutes. With those changes made, Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the October 28, 2019 Planning Commission minutes. Commissioner Pramuk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Chairperson

Recording Assistant

Date

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