



CITY OF MOSES LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2022

Commissioners Present: Nathan Nofziger (Chair), Charles Hepburn (Vice Chair), Eric Skaug

Commissioners Absent: Susan Tao, Gary Mann

Staff Present: Community Development Director Kirsten Sackett, Planning Manager Vivian Ramsey, Senior Planner Nathan Pate, Housing and Grants Coordinator Cari Cortez, and Planning Technician Michelene Torrey

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was called by Secretary Michelene Torrey. Commissioner Tao and Commissioner Mann were absent. Vice Chair Hepburn moved to excuse the commissioner's absence; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Skaug. Passed unanimously.

Item # 1- Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2022 Meeting

Vice Chair Hepburn moved to approve the minutes; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Skaug. Passed Unanimously.

Item #2- Municipal Code Update

The commission reviewed the code updates presented by Planning Manager Ramsey, the commission made comments on the SEPA guidelines and the requirements for amending SEPA. Commissioners questioned the timeline process for BSP's and the availability of extensions. Senior Planner Pate presented the public notice requirements and the timelines and the need for notice of application earlier than the public hearing. Removal of neighborhood meetings requirement was favorable within the commission **Vice Chair Hepburn moved to recommend approval of the code updates with the exception of 17.18.070 which was requested to modify to include an extension clause.**

Seconded by Eric Skaug, motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Bi-Monthly Advisory Council on Housing Report

Cari Cortez presented the Advisory Council on Housing Bi-Monthly Report which included the deliverables of Mixed Use and Incentivizing Density.

Commissioner Skaug commented that he would like to see design standards in the downtown/commercial area. He stated that there should not be a height restriction on the downtown area. Vice Chair Hepburn commented that the price of homes and rentals in the area is skyrocketing, and we need to be more open to different designs and smaller lots. Chair Nofziger made mention of the workforce housing project that was considered temporary housing for specialists within a certain company.

Staff and Commission Questions and Comments:

CDD Sackett informed the commission of the comprehensive plan being repealed from the county after council's action.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm by Chair Nofziger.