



**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**JULY 11, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER (Via Zoom & In-Person)**

**Commissioner Cruger** called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE:**

**Commissioner Cruger** led the Planning Commission, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

Planning Commission

Commissioner Frederick Cruger – Present  
Commissioner Ron Stephenson– Absent  
Commissioner Scott Morrison – Present  
Commissioner Chris Marsh – Present  
Commissioner Jude Anderson - Present

City Staff

Darla Reese, City Clerk  
Eric Jensen, Community Dev. Director

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of June 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioner Marsh** moved to approve the Minutes of June 13, 2023. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NON-ACTION ITEMS**

No one was present online to speak during this portion of the meeting, and no written correspondence had been received.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

### A. Code Revisions to GFMC 19.06.020 *Landscaping and Screening* and associated amendment to GFMC 19.02 *Basic Definitions*

**Community Development Director Jensen** did a review of the proposed changes to the Landscaping. The Planning Commission addressed the following below items with changes as mentioned below.

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B(2) The construction or location of any duplex, triplex or multifamily structure of ~~three~~ four or more attached dwelling units;  
Planning Commission asked for the change as indicated.

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~~Item (2)(b) A solid screen of evergreen trees and shrubs planted on an earthen berm an average of three feet high; or~~

Planning Commission to change the verbiage to allow use of a berm to utilize fencing and plantings to help satisfy requirements.

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I(1) Maintenance.

**Community Development Director Jensen** to word smith this section per the Planning Commission input and build up the verbiage so all of the following numbered sections make sense.

Planning Commission agreed that this could be moved along to the City Council.

### B. Presentation on Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing Guidelines Asher Schoepflin, Intern

**Mr. Schoepflin** gave a presentation and discussed the following titled slides with the Planning Commission:

- Introduction
- New Requirements from HB 1181
- Required Actions for Granite Falls
- GHG Emissions Reduction Sub-Element
- Resilience Sub-Element
- Plan for 2024 Update

**Community Development Director Jensen** will look into what will happen if a non-profit building fails?

### **C. Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Community Outreach Events and Survey Updates**

**Community Development Director Jensen** mentioned he has received a total of 16 completed surveys. He would like to meet with the School District, Masons, Little League, etc. to help get the word out and pass out surveys. He will also be present at National Night Out, and the Show N’ Shine events.

**Community Development Director Jensen** added discussion about metal detecting on City-owned property. He shared what some other cities require for allowing this and their regulatory measures.

**Community Development Director Jensen** mentioned items on his Staff Report including grant application for purchasing a bull dozer for the Parks Department.

### **D. Election of a Planning Commission Vice Chair**

**Commissioner Morrison** nominated Commissioner Marsh for Vice Chair. Commissioner Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

## **7. CURRENT BUSINESS**

There are no Current Business items scheduled for this Agenda.

## **8. REPORTS:**

### **A. Reports**

There were no questions on the City Clerk’s report.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Commissioner Cruger** mentioned he received an email regarding the Comprehensive Plan (Zoom meetings on different topics). He will forward the email to City Clerk Reese to share.

**Commissioner Marsh** shared he received an email from the County regarding hotel/motel tax grant funding.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Commissioner Cruger** adjourned the meeting.