

**CITY OF COVINGTON  
Planning Commission Minutes**

**May 7, 2015**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Judd called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:33 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Krista Bates, Ed Holmes, Jennifer Gilbert-Smith, Bill Judd, Jim Langehough, Paul Max and Alex White

**MEMBERS ABSENT – None**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Richard Hart, Community Development Director  
Brian Bykonen, Associate Planner and Code Enforcement Officer  
Kelly Thompson, Planning Commission Secretary

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- **1. Commissioner Bates moved and Commissioner White seconded to approve the April 2, 2015 minutes and consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – None**

**PUBLIC HEARING - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2. Discussion of Proposed Changes to the Animal Control Regulations**

Community Development Director, Richard Hart, introduced a memo providing background on the City's current animal control regulations. He explained the need to clarify the regulations and summarized the proposed amendments.

The attorney will be consulted about issues that are difficult to enforce including definitions of "continuous, unreasonable, excessive, untimely and odor".

Commissioner White asked about bat colonies. Code Enforcement Officer, Brian Bykonen, responded that the newly proposed regulations pertain specifically to domesticated animals. The city has also adopted by reference the King County Title 11, King County Animal Services.

Chair Judd suggested looking at language from other cities (ex. Renton) that that is more defined and less vague. Chair Judd also asked if there was a component of these regulations that could make an offense criminal, and he would like to see that explored and defined. Commissioner Holmes concurs.

Mr. Bykonen suggested that the Planning Commission discuss the number of fowl to be allowed. Chair Judd shared that the Planning Commission generally supports staff's recommendation which met with several nods from the commission. Mr. Bykonen shared that there are other cities similar in size to Covington who allow more than the current three fowl allowed. The Council is primarily concerned with noise, odor and the distance from property line.

**ATTENDANCE VOTE - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

Mr. Hart shared that he had recently met with the City's new consultant on Comprehensive Plan Update. At next meeting Planning Commission meeting, staff will provide an updated schedule.

Commissioner Bates and Vice Chair Max will be attending Land Use Boot Camp on May 8, 2015.

**ADJOURN**

The May 7, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Kelly Thompson, Planning Commission Secretary