

**CITY OF COVINGTON**  
**Planning Commission Minutes**

**November 5, 2015**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Judd called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:40 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Gilbert-Smith, Bill Judd, Jim Langehough, Paul Max and Alex White

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Krista Bates and Chele Dimmett

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brian Bykonen, Associate Planner and Code Enforcement Officer  
Richard Hart, Community Development Director  
Salina Lyons, Principal Planner  
Ann Mueller, Senior Planner  
Kelly Thompson, Planning Commission Secretary

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A correction to the minutes was made to Commissioner Gilbert-Smith's name.**

- **1. Vice-Chair Max moved and Commissioner White seconded to approve the October 1, 2015 minutes and consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Covington resident, Cliff Page of 17230 SE 267<sup>th</sup> Place, Burwood neighborhood, asked about improvements to roadways. He shared his frustration that his neighborhood has no street lights and that his street is being used as a main thoroughfare. He would like to see funds applied to roadway and safety improvements their neighborhood.

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Kent resident, Grazyna Prouty would like to see the Covington Reporter or Voice of the Valley publish and address citizen comments with regard to the Comprehensive Plan Update. She would like to see more opportunity for public input and transparency in government and stressed that education of citizens is key to ensuring that the public is being heard.

## **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **2. Open House and Discussion of Proposed Comprehensive Plan**

Community Development Director, Richard Hart gave a brief presentation explaining what the Comprehensive Plan is, and how the update process takes place. He reviewed the eight specific elements of the Comprehensive Plan and outlined several graphs and charts which outline specific areas of anticipated growth.

The Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing will be held on November 19, 2015. Citizens may give oral testimony or provide the city written comments. The City Council and the Planning Commission will hold a study session on November 24, 2015. The City Council will hold a public hearing following the study session in December 2015 or January 2016.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **3. Discussion of Recreational Vehicle Code Amendments with Graphics and Recommendation to City Council**

Mr. Hart shared pictures of acceptable RV storage. He reviewed the questions posed during the public hearing and staff responses.

Vice Chair Max commented that he is pleased with the response from staff.

- **Vice Chair Max moved and Commissioner Gilbert-Smith seconded to recommend approval of the proposed RV Code Amendments to the City Council. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING – None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. Discussion of Draft Elements of Comprehensive Plan and Results of Open House**

Chair Judd asked about the page detailing major employers in Covington and whether the positions listed were full time jobs. Mr. Hart responded that the numbers were converted to a full-time-employee equivalent.

**ATTENDANCE VOTE**

- **Commissioner Gilbert-Smith moved and Commissioner White seconded to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bates and Commissioner Dimmett. Motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kent resident, Gazyna Prouty addressed the Planning Commission again stressing her concern that citizens are unaware of their opportunity to provide the city feedback and input on public processes.

**COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

Commissioner White has noticed the contractors are trying to make a left turn across traffic onto SR 516 from the Cedar Springs development. Ms. Lyons shared that staff has recently met with the developer to discuss similar concerns and would appreciate any feedback of on-going issues.

**ADJOURN**

The November 5, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting adjourned 8:12 at p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Kelly Thompson, Planning Commission Secretary