CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL
Chair David Caudle, Vice Chair Elizabeth Porter, Jennifer Gilbert-Smith, Joe Culumber, Jonathan Ingram, Kathy Fosjord, and Murray Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
C1. Minutes from January 2, 2020

CITIZEN COMMENTS - Note: The Citizen Comment period is to provide the opportunity for members of the audience to address the Commission on items either not on the agenda or not listed as a Public Hearing. The Chair will open this portion of the meeting and ask for a show of hands of those persons wishing to address the Commission. When recognized, please approach the podium, give your name and city of residence, and state the matter of your interest. If your interest is an Agenda Item, the Chair may suggest that your comments wait until that time. Citizen comments will be limited to four minutes for Citizen Comments and four minutes for Unfinished Business. If you require more than the allotted time, your item will be placed on the next agenda. If you anticipate your comments taking longer than the allotted time, you are encouraged to contact the Planning Department ten days in advance of the meeting so your item may be placed on the next available agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION – None

NEW BUSINESS – Community Engagement Workshop
Attachment 1 – Tree Code Public Workshop Exercise

OLD BUSINESS - None

ATTENDANCE VOTE

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Same rules apply as stated in the 1st CITIZEN COMMENTS)

COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURN

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Planning Commission Minutes

January 2, 2019 City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER
The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Caudle.

MEMBERS PRESENT
David Caudle, Joe Culumber, Kathy Fosjord, Jennifer Gilbert-Smith, Jonathan Ingram, Elizabeth Porter and Murray Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT - None

STAFF PRESENT
Gina Estep, Community Development Director
Ryan Harriman, Planning Manager
Dafne Hernandez, Planning Technician
Amber Kellison, Planning Technician
Kelly Thompson, Permit Center Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Porter seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 C1. Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Gilbert-Smith seconded to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes. The motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC HEARING - None

NEW BUSINESS


Mr. Harriman introduced the topic outlining the changes made to the proposed code amendments since the previous meeting held in November.
The Planning Commission and staff continued the discussion of the proposed code amendments.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**ATTENDANCE VOTE - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS**

**ADJOURN**

The January 2, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

These minutes are intended to reflect the action taken during the Planning Commission meeting. The audio recording is available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kelly Thompson, Permit Center Manager
Tree Code Public Workshop Exercise

Preferences Exercise: What is important to Covington?

Visual boards with policy statements. Each visual board will contain one policy statement and a picture from different communities that value tree preservation. A Planning Commissioner will be stationed at each location to take feedback and discuss with participants about what they think about the policy statement presented to them. Each Planning Commissioner will represent the policy statement and not the proposed amendments. This is an exercise to capture the thoughts of the community prior to the public process.

Request the participants to rank the policies listed below in order from most important to least important using different color stickers based on their preference. One sticker per person per board. Have participants place the sticker on each visual board. Tally up the stickers at the end to prioritize policy statements.

Policy Statements and Assignments (assignments randomly selected through drawing):

1. Maximize retention of a healthy tree cover and native vegetation and encourage restoration, replacement, and enhancement of unhealthy or disturbed trees and vegetation. **Commissioner Elizabeth Porter**

2. A healthy urban forest contributes to the economic vitality of the community, provides environmental stability and resiliency, and ensures a better quality of life. **Commissioner Kathy Fosjord**

3. Protect significant trees and limit unnecessary disturbance of vegetation, when possible, during all phases of development, and require mitigation as needed, including the appropriate ratio of replacement for trees removed during development. **Commissioner David Caudle**

4. Trees provide important ecological, economic and social functions and benefits in urban landscapes that should be recognized, protected, and enhanced where possible. **Commissioner Jonathan Ingram**

5. Urban natural resources and urban natural systems, including trees and forests, are important for public health, economic development, education and community values. **Commissioner Joe Culumber**

6. Protect the ecological integrity of the natural environment while allowing for compatible growth and development. **Commissioner Jennifer Gilbert-Smith**

Colors and Point Values:

- Green = 12 points
- Blue = 10 points
- Red = 8 points
- Yellow = 6 points
- Purple = 4 points
- Pink = 2 points