CITY OF COVINGTON  
Planning Commission Minutes  

October 20, 2016          City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Judd called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Jennifer Gilbert-Smith, Jonathan Ingram, Bill Judd, Jim Langelough, Paul Max and Alex White

MEMBERS ABSENT- Chele Dimmett,

STAFF PRESENT
Salina Lyons, Principal Planner
Ben Parrish, SWM Program Coordinator
Kelly Thompson, Planning Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

1. Vice Chair Max moved and Commissioner White seconded to approve the October 6, 2016 minutes and agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC HEARING

  3. Public Hearing on Amendments to Chapter 13.25 Surface and Stormwater, Chapter 12.60 Street Standards and other associated Amendments to Titles 12, 13, 17 and 18 related to stormwater design and implementation.

Chair Judd opened the Public Hearing.

Principal Planner Salina Lyons provided background information on the proposed amendments to Covington Municipal Code to require Low Impact Development (LID) principals and Best Management Practices (BMP’s).
SWM Program Coordinator, Ben Parrish shared some examples of wet ponds with steep slopes and concrete walls and explained why they are difficult to maintain. He also provided some examples of bio-infiltration facilities, bio-swales and low-impact development.

Ms. Lyons also gave an example of a successful project using the Apex building on SE Wax Rd. Their drainage sheet flows and infiltrates into the ground. In the event of flooding, contaminants are filtered out through the grass. In addition to being low maintenance, their system has saved the developer money.

The Planning Commission discussed the process when a developer does not want to follow LID and their options. By implementing LID standards for stormwater, the developer saves money on the system and it is less maintenance for the city.

Chair Judd closed the Public Hearing.

Vice Chair Max moved and Commissioner White seconded to recommend to the City Council that they approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 13.25 Surface and Stormwater, Chapter 12.60 Street Standards and other associated Amendments to Titles 12, 13, 17 and 18 related to stormwater design and implementation.

- **Vice Chair Max moved and Commissioner Gilbert-Smith seconded to amend the motion to recommend to the City Council that they approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 13.25 Surface and Stormwater, Chapter 12.60 Street Standards and other associated Amendments to Titles 12, 13, 17 and 18 related to stormwater design and implementation with the recommendation that the City Council review the maximum penalty amount. Motion carried 6-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**ATTENDANCE VOTE**

- **Commissioner Gilbert-Smith moved and Commissioner White seconded to excuse the absence of Commissioner Dimmett. Motion carried 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**
Ms. Lyons reminded the Planning Commission that the election of Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN

The October 20, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Kelly Thompson, Planning Commission Secretary