

Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting June 10, 2019

Subject to review and approval

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Present: Leslie Welts, Barbara Conrey, Ariane Kissam, Stephanie Smith, Kirby Keeton, Emery Richardson, Michael Miller.

Call to order by the Chair: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Leslie Welts.

Approval of the agenda: The agenda was deemed approved.

Comments from the Chair: Leslie announced that she is stepping down from the Planning Commission due to life events. She will leave the commission after the next meeting. She asked that everyone think about electing a new Chair.

General business (comments from the public about something not on the agenda): The person in attendance didn't have anything to comment on.

Reminder that June 24th is the joint meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission to discuss revisions to the design review provisions in the zoning bylaws: The HPC got a grant to do their regulations, the meeting is to check in with the Planning Commission before progressing. The next step is to develop a guidebook.

City Plan – continue work session with maps on what aspects of the city we should maintain, what to evolve, and what to transform. Continue work on the visioning statement: Most have been reviewed, except for Historic Preservation Commission, the DRB, the Recreation Advisory Board, the Tree Board, and Complete Streets.

The Historic Preservation Commission's mission is to advocate for historic properties and create a walkable downtown. They need to finish their draft regulations, plan a survey to add structures, and incentives for owner occupied historic properties.

The Recreation Advisory Board's goals include what to do with 55 Barre Street (the old Rec building), infrastructure needs (pool house, etc.), and to provide recreational activities for all residents.

The Tree Board's goals are to make the city literate about trees - increase diversity of trees in the canopy, educate citizens about trees and care, and to increase the health of urban forest.

Complete Streets – new bike, ped, and transit projects, to reduce transit parking lots, and to expand transportation alternatives.

The Development Review Board – provide consistent and fair review of projects, clear and flexible standards, comprehensive and realistic plan for parking, and long term sustainability goals.

Leslie will compile her notes to try to find a theme for the visioning statement.

Consider minutes from May 13, 2019: Barb recommended making a change to page 2 in discussion of the Energy Committees main goal. Barb proposed that the line be rewritten such that the goal would be “for the city to eliminate its reliance on fossil fuels”. The minutes were deemed approved with the edit.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary