

Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting September 23, 2019

Subject to review and approval

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Present: Kirby Keeton, Aaron Kisicki, Marcella Dent, Ariane Kissam, Michael Miller.

Absent: Barbara Conrey, Stephanie Smith, Emery Richardson, John Adams.

Call to order by the Chair: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Kirby Keeton.

Approval of the agenda: Since there was not a quorum in attendance, this item could not be acted upon. Ariane then entered the meeting, so a quorum was reached. Aaron made a motion to approve the agenda as printed, Marcella seconded. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Comments from the Chair: Kirby noted that the next City Council meeting with the CVRPC appointment. He has sent a letter to the Mayor and City Council regarding Marcella's interest and the commission's backing of that choice.

Mike noted that the next Council meeting will also discuss the zoning fixes recommended by the Council. Those will be in the final hearing, and hopefully, adoption on Wednesday. Mike doesn't anticipate any issues since no one showed up for the public hearing.

That afternoon, the Downtown Board approved the Growth Center renewal, which is required every five years. Crestview was added.

General business (comments from the public about something not on the agenda): Lisa Maxwell was present just to learn.

Consider minutes from September 9, 2019: Kirby is actually the chair, not the acting chair. There were a few corrections to be made. "Changes to the college boundary were discussed" and "made changes to the boundary to include all portions of the designated downtown district".

Ariane made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Marcella seconded. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Discuss next steps for public input on the Design Review proposal and map: Mike feels that the proposed map has a rational basis. Soon, a meeting should include a coordination meeting with Historic Preservation. Mike will try to get a public meeting scheduled for the last meeting in October.

Presentation and discussion of work by staff on the City's implementation plans including committee approved plans for Historic Preservation and Housing: Mike has been working

on outlines for the different committees to coordinate efforts between committees and to work on goals and strategies. He was thinking of having a single voice, so he would write the drafts in 1,000 words and the committees would edit them to fit their needs and thoughts. Everything needs to meet state statutes.

The 12 chapters will be housing, historic preservation, energy, utilities, economic development, community services, land use, governance, transportation, natural resources, emergency services, and – [Mike is trying to remember it.]

Ariane needed to leave at 6:45. October 14 is a holiday, so there will not be a meeting that night.

Discussion of vision statement including review of Montpelier Alive's branding

statement: Mike had sent the statement out in email, but he doesn't feel that it necessarily needs to be in the City Plan.

Since there won't be a meeting on October 14, a poll might go out to see who wants to meet on the 7th – Kirby and Mike can't make it – the meeting would just have to be in an alternate room and not on tv, since the DRB and DRC are meeting that night.

Adjournment: The meeting was deemed adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary