



PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES of March 10th 2020

Members of the Buena Vista Planning Commission met in Council Chambers, 2039 Sycamore Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. on March 10th 2020. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

Dennis Hawes, Chairman
Marolyn Cash
Lucy Ferreebee
Melvin Henson, City Council Representative
Bradyn Tuttle

Members Absent:

Sandy Burke
Jay Scudder, Ex Officio member
Preston Manuel
Michael Ohleger, Vice-Chairman

Staff Present:

Tom Roberts, Director of Community & Economic Development

Meeting is called into order.

REGULAR MEETING

Public Comment

None

Review and Adoption of Minutes

Mrs. Cash motioned to approve as presented, Mrs. Ferreebee seconded, and all voted to approve.

Report of Secretary

Mr. Roberts highlighted the following items:

- The CSPDC sent him the draft transportation chapter from the comprehensive plan and he is reviewing that now.
- On 3/7 Connect BV downtown revitalization and Healthy BV hosted a Community Summit which was successful. The goal was to get together all the community organizations operating in the City and improve coordination and collaboration. We had about 30-40 people and discussed who the organizations were, their general history and the history of BV, and upcoming events and the future of BV.
- Next steps for the Connect BV CDBG downtown revitalization – putting out an RFP for the economic restructuring plan. This consultant will work on a plan and on community

meetings. Also, for the Opportunity Zone planning grant, we will be putting out RFP for OZ marketing services.

- Also we are planning an Opportunity Zone investment information and networking event.
- Dabney Lancaster Community College is closing on the purchase of the former Ford dealership to create a workforce development center which will include technical education labs and workspace as well as small business incubation and maker space.
- The former Buena Vista Arts Council building has been leased and will become Blue Forge Axe Throwing!
- Columbia Gas ribbon cutting was several weeks ago. The stockpile will be seeded and stabilized in the next week or two and the topsoil pile will be removed soon.

Old Business

Discuss Frontage and Private Streets text amendment

Mr. Hawes stated that he felt the revised text is good. His greatest concern is with potential erosion problems and requiring curb and gutter. Mr. Roberts added that Section 507.03-5 requires that owners build curb and gutter along public streets. Mr. Henson voiced support for the intent statement language regarding emergency vehicle access. Mr. Roberts noted that he plans to change the word “should” to “shall” in the second sentence to make it stronger. Mr. Tuttle motioned to move text as presented to public hearing. Mr. Henson seconded and all approved.

Other item – Historic District overlay

Mr. Henson raised the issue of the 29th Street and the historic district overlay. There was some review of previous discussions and ideas on this concern. Mr. Roberts stated that he has not yet prepared anything new on this.

Discuss Zoning Text Amendment, Sec. 706 Signage

The Commissioned discussed that the overall intent is to be less restrictive and allow businesses choose what signs will be advantageous to them, and be more open to creative expressions. Mr. Henson motioned to move text as presented to public hearing. Mrs. Cash seconded and all approved.

Other updates

Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Cash related that the 7-Eleven project is on hold as the various partners, including 7-Eleven corporate, are working through the details and planning. Mr. Roberts stated that the Tourism Zone update has been approved so that the site is now in the zone.

The City and Lew Hamilton are working on a lease of the lots behind the Shukin Shak to create a parking area. Mr. Hamilton will landscape around it with trees and shrubs. The lease must be approved by City Council.

New Business - None

Adjournment 7:30 PM

Approved: _____