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Lacey Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Conducted remotely via videoconference

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dave Wasson.

Planning Commission members present: Dave Wasson, Gail Madden, Peg Evans-Brown, Daphne Retzlaff, Kyrian MacMichael, Mark Mininger, Eddie Bishop, and Robin Vasquez. Staff present: Rick Walk, Ryan Andrews, Martin Hoppe, and Jessica Brandt.

Dave noted a quorum present.

Gail Madden made a motion, seconded by Mark Mininger, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting and the May 4 meeting minutes. All were in favor, the motion carried.

1. **Public Comments:** None.
2. **Commission Members Reports:** None.
3. **Director's Report:** Rick Walk reported that Shaunesy Behrens has resigned from Planning Commission and the position is open to applicants.
4. **Public Hearings:**
 - 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP): Martin Hoppe, Transportation Manager.**
 - Martin Hoppe explained that the TIP is a list of projects the City plans to start in the next six years, and its main purpose is to track State and Federal funds and identify regionally significant projects through TRPC.
 - Martin went over the projects and answered questions.
 - No public testimony was given. Dave closed the public hearing.
 - **Peg Evans-Brown made a motion, seconded by Robin Vasquez, to refer the 6-year TIP to Council for approval. All were in favor, the motion carried.**

2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager; Jessica Brandt, Associate Planner.

- **Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan.**
 - o Jessica Brandt gave some background info and went over survey results.
 - o Wayne Olsen, Sue Madeiros, Lynn Fitz-Hugh, Roy Treadway, Aaron Dumas, Sally Vogel, Carolyn Treadway, Robert Jensen, and Heather MacMaster spoke in favor of the plan and urged Planning Commission to refer it to Council for approval.
 - o Dave closed the public hearing. A brief discussion followed.
 - o **Gail Madden made a motion, seconded by Robin Vasquez, to refer the TCMP to Council highly recommended by Planning Commission for approval. All were in favor, the motion carried.**
- **Housing Action Plan.**
 - o Ryan Andrews gave some background info, went over the plan, and answered questions.
 - o Wayne Olsen spoke in favor of the Urban Forest Management Plan and asked that staff ensure that the housing plan does not conflict with the TCMP. Sally Vogel agreed.
 - o Sue Madeiros and Carolyn Treadway thanked staff and Planning Commission for all the work they've done on this plan.
 - o Robert Jensen asked Planning Commission to consider the recreational aspect, more people in the City means more recreation is needed and more of a need to preserve recreational areas.
 - o There was a discussion as to whether Planning Commission should refer the plan to Council or discuss further. Staff answered questions and clarified some issues.
 - o **Robin Vasquez made a motion, seconded by Peg Evans-Brown, to refer the Housing Action Plan to Council for approval. All were in favor, the motion carried.**

- **Urban Forest Management Plan and Associated Regulations.**
 - o Jessica went over the plan amendments and timeline, and discussed public outreach.
 - o Wayne Olsen reiterated the importance of coordination between TCMP and Urban Forest Management Plan.
 - o Sue Madeiros asked that the city stop allowing clearcutting to make way for warehouse development.
 - o Lynn Fitz-Hugh asked Planning Commission to not approve the plan but to send back to the committee for further amendments as it does not reflect the committee's dialog, include the survey results, or meet the tree goals of the TCMP.
 - o Roy Treadway said he'd like to see a stronger tree plan for Lacey.
 - o Marianne Thompkins spoke on the importance of protecting large trees.
 - o Sally Vogel agreed with previous speakers.
 - o Carolyn Treadway seconds the previous comments and would like to see the plan amended.
 - o Robert Jensen urged Planning Commission to review the plan further and try to strengthen tree protection measures.
 - o Lisa Ceazan urged Planning Commission to send the plan back to tree task force to be reworked to provide more protection and align with State regulations and TCMP.
 - o Phyllis Farrell expressed her concerns over the loss of Lacey's tree canopy over the years and the importance of protecting older trees. She urged Planning Commission to review the plan further.
 - o A brief discussion followed.
 - o **Robin Vasquez made a motion, seconded by Eddie Bishop, to discuss the plan further before referring to Council. All were in favor, the motion carried.**
 - o Dave closed the public hearing. Rick noted discussion of the plan will be added to the next agenda.

5. **Communications and Announcements:** None.

6. **Next meeting:** June 1, 2021.

7. **Adjournment:** 7:25 p.m.