

**MINUTES**  
**COLUMBIA CITY PLAN COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Walt Crowder  
Doug Graft  
Jon Kissinger  
Don Langeloh  
Jeff Walker  
Dennis Warnick  
Dan Weigold  
Larry Weiss  
Patrick Zickgraf

**STAFF**

Nathan Bilger  
Amanda Thompson

**ATTORNEY**

Dawn Boyd

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**VISITORS**

No visitors were present at the February 4, 2019, Columbia City Plan Commission meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Graft called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**INTRODUCTION AND SWEARING IN OF ANY NEW MEMBERS**

There were no new members.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Thompson read the roll call with those members present and absent listed above.

**ELECTION OF 2019 PLAN COMMISSION OFFICERS**

Mr. Graft made a motion nominating Mr. Weiss as president, Mr. Zickgraf as vice president, Mr. Kissinger as the Plan Commission's representative on the Board of Zoning

Appeals, and Mr. Langeloh as the Plan Commission's representative on the Joint Advisory Board. Mr. Warnick gave the second. Mr. Walker made the motion to close the nominations. Mr. Crowder gave the second. The members voted unanimously to approve the nominations. At Mr. Graft's suggestion, Mr. Weiss then assumed his role as president beginning with the next agenda item.

### **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2018, COLUMBIA CITY PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES**

Mr. Weiss asked if there were any corrections or additions to the October 1, 2018, meeting minutes. Mr. Langeloh noted that the possibility of a Special Exception approval was mentioned on page 3 for petition 18-C-DEV-7. He asked if the question had been resolved. Ms. Thompson replied that the file for their previous Special Exception had been located and the conditions were sent to Mr. Meinika with the approval letter for 18-C-DEV-7. With no further comments, Mr. Graft made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Langeloh gave the second. The members voted 8-0-1 to carry the motion, with Mr. Crowder in abstention.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH TO WITNESSES**

No witnesses were present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion: Comprehensive Plan Review**

Mr. Bilger guided the Commission through a review of the Comprehensive Plan. He, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Crowder provided information on current and future projects that satisfy the goals of the Plan. It was the consensus of the Commission that the City is on track with the recommendations of the Plan, with some items already complete, many underway in various stages, and some yet to start. Another review of the Comprehensive Plan status should occur within about two years.

Mr. Weiss referenced the 2019 meeting schedule and asked if the added extra week between the filing deadline and meeting date would allow the meeting packets to be distributed in a more timely fashion. Mr. Bilger replied that the additional time would be used for review of the petition information. He added that the department strives to have the packets distributed 5-7 days before the meeting date. Mr. Bilger explained that there have been issues with unreceived emails and slow postal service. Mr. Warnick voiced

that he felt most members could probably pick up their packets at the office. Mr. Weiss stated he knew several Commission members were frustrated with receiving review information at the meeting instead of in the meeting packet. Several petitions were recalled, which Mr. Bilger explained were development plans that were able to be added since development plans do not require public meeting notice. He added that if the Commission did not feel comfortable making a decision on the plans, the plans could be reviewed at a later meeting or by Executive Committee. Mr. Graft then asked if any 2019 meetings would be held during the same week as any holidays. Mr. Bilger replied that usually meetings would be moved to the following week but that no conflicts were identified for the 2019 schedule. If any scheduled meeting does not have a quorum, the agenda items would be continued to the following month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Zickgraf made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weigold gave the second, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.