

NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 8th, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Elliott, Clark Curtis, Jennifer Black, Woodman Page, Dan Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: PAUL DREHER, ZA; Denis Chenette, Paul Monette, Beth Barnes, Pam Ladds

7:03 p.m. Vice Chair Clark Curtis called the meeting to order. Dan Ross moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2014 meeting as written. This was seconded by Woodman Page. **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.**

7:05 p.m. MUNICIPAL PLAN UPDATES. Dan Ross was able to get on the City Plan on Google Docs without problems. Woodman Page finished the Libraries Appendix. The Commission discussed how to get started and how to continue. The ZA noted that Gail Aloisio from NVDA will be present at the next meeting regarding stormwater and will be available to discuss adding a Stormwater section. Beth Barnes asked how to input some recommendations into the city plan; she can arrange to discuss her ideas with the Commission at a later meeting and can work with Woodman Page on the Transportation section.

7:15 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS. Paul Monette and Denis Chenette from the City Council updated the Commission on the Council meeting from the previous night; there was an implication that the Commission was "afraid for their jobs" regarding the medical marijuana dispensaries. After discussion with members of the public, Council members and the mayor and the Council, the Commission noted that none were "afraid for their jobs" and clarified their position regarding the dispensaries. The Council passed all four bylaw changes as the Commission had worded them.

Clark Curtis then asked Mr. Monette and Mr. Chenette for an update on Lago Trattoria; they had returned grant money for an expansion project but were now working on expanding into a fudge and candy shop in their restaurant.

After a discussion about the website, the mayor checked the website on his mobile phone and confirmed that the agendas for tonight's Planning Commission, April 16 DRB and April 23 DRB meetings were updated and located properly.

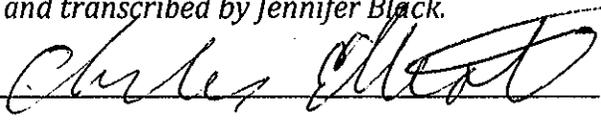
Chair Charles Elliott arrived at 7:45. Jennifer Black will check to see if the city plan Google Doc link has been sent to the City Manager.

7:46 p.m. NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be April 22 at 7 p.m. in the City Council room.

7:53 p.m. Jennifer Black made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Woodman Page.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Jennifer Black.

Approved:



Date:

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