NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, JAN. 21, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ruth Sproull (RS), (Acting Chair) Woodman Page (WP), John Monette (JM), Dan Pickering (DP)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Bob Currier sent resignation letter to all members this morning.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Ladds, Councilwoman Melissa Pettersson, Mayor Paul Monette,

7:10pm WP called meeting to order, motion to approve 1/21/20 minutes by RS, 2nd by JM. Unanimous approval.

7:12 pm – Talk of grant work. NVDA declined the option to submit proposal due to apparent conflict of interest from previous work done regarding grant proposal. There are other inquiries from entities that have worked with city before but the follow-through of applying is another question. One entity asked if the $22K grant figure was serious.

Discussed with Mayor Monette if we can amend RFP, if we don't get any bids, and then put back out to the public. He said yes

7:17 pm –February 18, at our regular meeting, will be when we are to interview candidates to write the new plan, if there are any applicants.

7:19 pm – Other Business

Mayor Monette said he had heard that people are talking about how he and the city manager are out to undermine the planning commission. He said he hopes this is not the belief of the planning commission.

WP discussed bringing up a replacement for Robert Currier (former chair), and it should be put in the paper ASAP. WP will act as interim chair until a replacement is found.

(DP) said he will be asking a gentleman to attend to be considered as an alternate for the committee.

Discussed the structure of the Lyndon Municipal Plan of 2020 to use as a guideline to approach Newports City's Municipal Plan.

MBDA is putting on a training in February and it is on an energy forum, they have a form to be filled out (done during meeting) and then submitted by Charlie.

(WP) mentioned a vice chair should be elected at the next meeting. (JM) offered to take on as interim vice chair until we can elect.

7:44 pm – Set the date for the next meeting – Tuesday February 4th – approve the minutes for January 21st, update of the planning

grant, review individual grant applicants, review and approve resignation of Bob Currier, review applications for the planning committee, and other business.

7:49 pm – Motion by (JM) to adjourn meeting / 2nd by (RS). Unanimous approval.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Ruth Sproull

Approved W H Poog Date 2/4/2020