

Newport City Planning Commission
Minutes

Tuesday November 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Commission Members: John Monette
Daniel Pickering
Dennis Chenette
Chris Vachon
Mareo Oldacre

Zoning Administrator: Erik Voegtlin

Members Present: John Monette
Mareo Oldecree
Chris Vachon
Dennis Chenette

Others Present: Paul Monette
Erik Voegtlin
Ayden Aieckhoff

Absent Members: Daniel Pickering

Call to order: 7:00 pm and seconded

Approve the minutes of the planning commission meeting held on October 20, 2020:
Unanimous approval.

City Plan Development: Members discussed the pros and cons of survey and benefits of the survey.

Update of survey results: SE group discussed survey results and a large discussion progressed about the results. 206 responses with 180 completed surveys. Discussion of from responses that more open spaces, more recreation opportunities and more businesses were ideal for the foreseeable future. More discussion about having more public waterfront access. Issue brought up about sidewalks still being an issue in the downtown area but many improvements have been made. An issue from the survey showed that the general public had a hard time getting in contact with members of the government, added that this needs to be addressed and communicated better. Members of the commission commented that COVID-19 is a huge barrier when it comes to solutions to the downtown area. SE Group commented that more social media was necessary to communicate to the public. A point of creating a quarterly report for the general public to view would be ideal for communication and would be discussed for the near future. Discussion about the housing in the area and where new housing could be located in the downtown area. A possible problem of traffic restraints was also brought to the table.

Old business: Discussed historical preservation meeting and the need for more time to review 406 documents.

New business: Verified None / No Discussion

Set draft agenda for next regularly scheduled meeting: Set new meeting for
November 24, 2020.

Adjourn: 8:49p motion made by John Monette and seconded by Mario Oldecre.

Approved  4/5/22