

**Newport City Planning Commission  
Minutes**

**Tuesday January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Commission Members: John Monette  
Vacant  
Dennis Chenette  
Chris Vachon  
Mareo Oldacre

Zoning Administrator: Erik Voegtlin

Members Present: Chris Vachon  
John Monette  
Dennis Chenette

Others Present: Paul Monette  
Erik Voegtlin  
Alison Low NVDA  
Mark Kane SE Group  
Ayden Eickhoff SE Group

Absent Members: Mareo Oldecre

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 made by John Monette Chair
2. **Approve the minutes of the planning commission meeting held on January 5, 2021:** 07:01 motion made by Dennis Chenette and seconded by Chris Vachon
3. **City Plan Development:** Mark Kane and Ayden Eickhoff of the SE group walked through the municipal plan update. Ayden Eickhoff went over the schedule of events and objectives that are to take place from Feb-June of 2021. Proposal made by SE group to attend every 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting each month for the Planning commission. Alison Low suggested instead of having a 5 yr. plan making it an 8 yr. plan to coincide with current plan. Timeline and objectives reviewed by all members. Mark Kane would like to do another survey shared with the community with new vision statement with new objectives disseminated to public to respond and get an update. Based on public comment plan can be updated as necessary. Survey planned to go out at the end of April. Input from the public is vital. Question asked about renters being unrepresented in the community and to get them to participate more. Outreach to landlords may be an effective process to get more renter involvement. Reaching out to neighborhoods was suggested to get more renter involvement by NVDA. SE group suggested reaching out to providing article to local newspaper to solicit more involvement and

the need for public input. SE group will provide poster board for March 2<sup>nd</sup> to post for the annual meeting. Suggestion made to make a post at the Gardner park message board. Early March plan to reach out to newspapers to post an article about survey to include online media. Discussion of restructuring vision and plan and putting it in good working order. SE Group suggested adding what the city of Newport has on the region and the role that the city plays and being an open service center. Elevate the waterfront into plan. Housing plays an important role on the housing aspect in the region, point brought up by NVDA. NVDA and SE group left the meeting.

4. **Discuss interview process for possible candidate(s):** Joel Collins and Amanda Chaput are the 2 interested persons interested in the vacant spot on the planning commission. Plan made to conduct interviews on the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
5. **Old business:** None
6. **New business:**
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8. **Set draft agenda for next regularly scheduled meeting:** Set next meeting for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. Interview will be agenda item 3 for next meeting.
9. **Adjourn:** 8:33p Time John Monette chair called for a motion to adjourn, made by Chris Vachon and seconded by Dennis Chenette.