

# Newport City Planning Commission Minutes

Tuesday February 2, 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  
Joel Collins  
Alison Low NVDA

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 19, 2021:** 07:01 motion made by Chris Vachon and seconded by Dennis Chenette
3. **Interview for vacant position on the commission:** Conducted interview with Joel Collins. Unable to conduct interview with Amanda Chaput due to unforeseen circumstances. Commission decided to defer decision to make a recommendation to the city council to give Amanda Chaput a chance to interview on February 16.
4. **City Plan Development:** Discussion with developers in the area on West Main street to add more apartment complexes. New apartments were filled as soon as it was built. With all the renters in the area there are zero vacancies and a long waiting list to get into the housing that is available. There is a big draw to move to this area for people in the city and out of the city. Notices by developers that retail is very low in the area. There is demand out there via the survey for more rental properties but where they can develop has been hard due to the form base code. More discussion on the draft of the vision statement. Members discussed and continued working on vision statement using more key words to strengthen statement. Brought up to talk to the assessor to look up how many developments have been built in the last 10 years.

5. **Old business:** None
6. **New business:** None
7. **Set draft agenda for next regularly scheduled meeting:** Set next meeting for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Line item 3 will be for interviewing candidate for commission.
8. **Adjourn:** 8:33p Time John Monette chair called for a motion to adjourn, made by Dennis Chenette and seconded by Chris Vachon.

Approved: JS chair 3/15/22