

Newport City Planning Commission Minutes

Tuesday August 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Commission Members: John Monette
Vacant
Carole O'Connell
Denis Chenette
Amanda Chaput

Zoning Administrator: Erik Voegtlin

Members Present: John Monette
Denis Chenette
Amanda Chaput
Carole O'Connell

Others Present: Erik Voegtlin
Alison Low NVDA
Ayden Eickhoff SE Group

Absent Members:

1. **Call to order:** 7:01 Call to Order made by John Monette
2. **Approve the minutes of the planning commission meeting held on July 6, 2021 and July 20, 2021:** Motion made by Carole O'Connell and seconded by Amanda Chaput.
3. **City plan development:** Survey closed down on Sunday and Ayden Eickhoff of SE group went through future plans for the survey. Alison Low of NVDA gave updates to commission of the release of the municipal plan and the appendixes and released an outline by email to the commission. Alison Low of SE group recommended removing some information so that it does not read as much like an encyclopedia and to focus more on the specifics in the city, also the make it a bit broader so that the plan does not get outdated too quickly as improvements are made. Ayden Eickhoff made presentation of the results of the survey that closed on Sunday. People felt that the most important for place to live would be the downtown area be more inviting. People also want to see more freedom to have more development options when it comes to the form-based code. Survey also resulted in place to work category was promoting to education to local jobs. People also wanted to ensure that historic infrastructure was preserved. The place to play section, the highest priority was environmental protection and preserving the lake, also preserving the culture of the

city of Newport. Comment in the survey made by 1 individual said that the fire station needed a face lift considering it is one of the first buildings that people see when they enter the city. Carole O'Connell made a suggestion to add transportation for the elderly and to make programs to include the elderly for outside and indoor activities, to somewhat mirror the kid summer program. The city manager made a suggestion of about appendix O to be more generic due to the changing of hands in some of the establishments.

4. **Old Business:** None
5. **New Business:** None
6. **Set draft agenda for next regularly scheduled meeting:** Set next meeting for August 17, 2021.
7. **Adjourn:** 8:12p Motion made by Denis Chenette and seconded by Carole O'Connell.

Approved 3/1/22 J Schair