



**MINUTES OF THE SPRINGDALE PLANNING COMMISSION WORK MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 AT 5:00PM
AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, 126 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE, UTAH.**

Meeting convened at 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jack Burns, Barbara Bruno, Mike Marriott, Ric Rioux, Dawn McComb, Tom Kenaston, and J. Treacy Stone from Zion National Park

EXCUSED: Tyler Young

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Development Tom Dansie, Town Clerk Darci Carlson, and Deputy Clerk Katy Brown recording. See attached sheet for attendees known to have signed into the electronic meeting.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Ric Rioux to approve the agenda. Seconded by Barbara Bruno.

Bruno: Aye

Rioux: Aye

Marriott: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Commission discussion and announcements: Tom Kenaston was appointed to the Commission as second alternate with a term expiring August of 2023. Staff and the Commission extended a warm welcome.

A. Information/Discussion/Non-Action Items

1. General Plan update - Discussion of Vision Statement and priority issues: Commission members connected to an interactive presentation that would be used as an exercise to draw out concrete ideas for the General Plan vision statement (Attachment #1). The Commission viewed samples of both strong and weak vision statements. General objectives such as clean water and efficient transportation were worthy goals, but not necessarily unique to Springdale. The Commission wanted a vision statement that was broad without being too generic, and specific enough without being overburdened by details on how the objectives would be met.

Targeting key topics that emerged from the most recent public surveys, the Commission submitted their answers to the following questions:

What is the most important thing about Springdale that should be preserved over the next 25 years?

- The Commission entered key words into an interactive word cloud that created a collage of their ideas. Common keywords were “walkability, sustainable, safe, and unique.”

What is your vision for Springdale’s village character in 20 years?

- Commission responses: Small scale development, architectural character, artistic community, walkable business district, maintaining views, community and connection, integrating into the natural landscape.

What public services and amenities will be available in the next 20 years?

- Commission responses: World class food, public art, pharmacy, outdoor plaza, unique shops, free public WIFI, medical facility, recreational facilities, local fire/paramedic services.

How will people get from one place to another in 20 years?

- Commission responses: Electric/Hybrid vehicles and shuttles, bikes, walking, and hovercraft. There was interest in fostering pedestrian-only areas.

What will be the condition of the Virgin River, night sky, wildlife, and other natural features in 20 years?

- Commission responses: Pristine, undeveloped river corridor, walkway along the river, viewsheds protected, night sky protection, no man-made lighting, thriving wildlife populations, humans and wildlife living in harmony.

What will it mean to be a member of the Springdale Community in 20 years?

- Commission responses: All individuals interacting harmoniously including residents, business owners, visitors, workers, and Zion National Park representatives. Community sharing and supporting the vision of a clean, safe, and unspoiled environment.

How will the Town handle the changes and challenges that will come up in the next 20 years?

- Commission responses: Leadership, communication, forward-thinking, innovation, responsible technology, working as a community to offset climate change.

In 20 years, how will scenic views of Zion from properties in Springdale compare with those same views today?

- Commission responses: Continue to maintain the regulations on height, setbacks, color, design. Commercial development should not encroach on residential communities.

The Commission added that bringing younger people into the Community should be a part of the General Plan vision.

- Staff would use the responses to draft a vision statement for the Commission to review in their next work meeting.

2. Update on pending Planning Commission Work Items: Mr. Dansie provided an update on past topics of discussion:

- Geologic hazards ordinance - The Council was in favor of the Commission continuing their work on crafting a geologic hazards ordinance. The Commission wanted more public outreach to gauge the community's interest in a potential ordinance.
- Regulation of Interior Lighting – The Council would consider directing the Commission to work on interior lighting regulations in their upcoming Council meeting.
- Housing – The Town's housing consultant would perform an initial presentation in the September Town Council meeting to get feedback in order to finalize.
- Roof-top deck regulations – Staff asked if the Commission wanted to discuss this topic which came up in a recent DDR. The Commission felt that existing height and lighting regulations seemed sufficient for roof top decks and did not feel a need to discuss at this time.

Mr. Burns asked if there was potential to rezone the elementary school to public use.

- The conversation with the school district was ongoing but nothing had been determined yet.

Ms. McComb expressed a need for more crosswalk locations and reflective paint to help with visibility.

- Staff would forward her comments to the streets department.

Ms. Carlson asked if the Commission preferred to meet in person from now on or if they wanted to continue remote meetings.

- The Zoom meetings were convenient but most members favored meeting in person. They expressed their wishes to have a remote option in the future so they could still attend even if they could not be physically present.
- Staff was considering audio/visual options to offer public meeting broadcasts and occasional remote participation of public body members.

B. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm made by Mike Marriott. Seconded by Dawn McComb.

Bruno: Aye

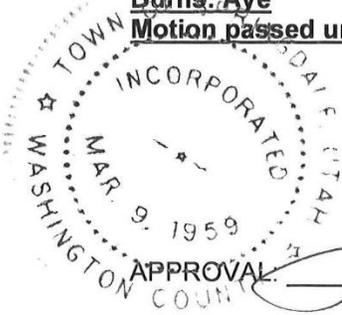
McComb: Aye

Marriott: Aye

Rioux: Aye

Burns: Aye

Motion passed unanimously.



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Katy Brown, Deputy Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Marriott".

DATE: 9.16.20

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