

ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Astoria City Hall
February 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Vice President Daryl Moore, Jennifer Cameron-Lattek, Patrick Corcoran, Cindy Price, and Chris Womack.

Commissioners Excused: President Sean Fitzpatrick and Brookley Henri.

Staff Present: Planner Nancy Ferber and Contract Planner Rosemary Johnson. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Moore called for approval of the January 29, 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Price moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019 meeting as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron-Lattek. Motion passed unanimously.

WORK SESSIONS:

Planner Johnson noted Staff was working on several Code amendments and the Commission would be reviewing them a few at time over the next several months.

Code Updates: A19-02 Transient and Homestay Lodging

Planner Johnson presented Staff's recommended Code amendments for transient and homestay lodgings, which were included in the agenda packet. During her presentation, she reviewed the types of lodgings, explained the need for the amendments, compared the recommended amendments to the existing Code language, outlined the permitting and review processes, and answered clarifying questions from Commissioners.

Commissioners proposed hypothetical short-term lodging situations and Staff explained how the recommended Codes would apply to each.

The Planning Commission discussed the possibility of limiting the number of units permitted for transient or homestay lodgings in multifamily buildings in commercial zones. Limits could help preserve housing stock, but short-term rentals would be appropriate in some buildings. Additionally, short-term rentals in multifamily buildings could facilitate more affordable residential units in those same buildings.

Vice President Moore advised against using specific business names in the Development Code. Staff confirmed the Code language would be changed, but specific business names would still appear on other City forms since permit holders were required to state which businesses they would be advertising with and since some of those businesses were responsible for sending taxes to the City.

Code Updates: A19-04 Miscellaneous Code Sections

Planner Johnson presented Staff's recommended amendments to several sections of the Code, which were included in the agenda packet. She explained the need for each amendment and how each one would impact permitting and review processes. During the presentation, Staff answered clarifying questions from Commissioners about existing Codes and the recommended amendments. Staff also explained how the new Codes would be applied in hypothetical situations.

After some discussion, the Commission directed Staff to remove the standard allowing a maximum of 40 percent of front and side yards of single-family dwellings to be used for parking (Code Section 7.110.A).

Staff noted that more recommended Code changes would be added to the list of miscellaneous updates, but the Commission should consider the proposed changes that have been presented and provide Staff with feedback.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS:

There were no reports.

STAFF UPDATES/STATUS REPORTS:

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Commissioner Price asked for an update on the Fairfield Inn project. Staff confirmed they did not have any new information at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

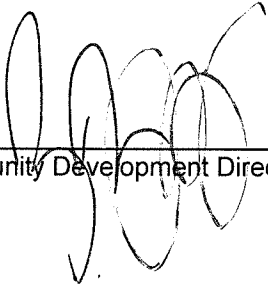
There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

APPROVED:

[at the 3/26/2019 APC meeting with no changes]



Community Development Director