

## ASTORIA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Astoria City Hall  
April 28, 2015

### CALL TO ORDER:

President Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

### ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: President David Pearson, Vice President McLaren Innes, Kent Easom, Sean Fitzpatrick, Daryl Moore, Jan Mitchell and Frank Spence

Staff Present: Interim Planner Mike Morgan. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Pearson asked for approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Spence noted the following corrections:

- Page 1, Election of Officers, Item 4(a), Sentence 2 should read President Zetty Nemlowill
- Page 5, last paragraph, third sentence – “Anne ~~Tischner~~ **Kischner**”
- Page 6, first paragraph, Line 7 – Commissioner Spence’s comment should state, “He also believed 40 feet between buildings was **not** too much...”

Commissioner Easom moved that the Astoria Planning Commission approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion passed 6 to 0 to 1, with Commissioner Mitchell abstaining.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

President Pearson explained the procedures governing the conduct of public hearings to the audience and advised that handouts of the substantive review criteria were available from Staff.

### ITEM 4(a):

A15-01 Amendment A15-01 by the Community Development Department to amend the Comprehensive Plan to extend the Gateway Overlay Zone (29<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Streets, Leif Erikson Drive to the Columbia River) as reflected in the Riverfront Vision Plan, and miscellaneous plan language to reflect the development that has occurred over the last two decades.

President Pearson asked if anyone objected to the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission to hear this matter at this time. There were no objections. He asked if any member of the Planning Commission had any conflicts of interest or ex parte contacts to declare. Hearing none, he asked Staff to present the Staff report.

Interim Planner Morgan reviewed the written Staff report. No correspondence had been received and Staff recommended approval of the request.

President Pearson opened the public hearing. He explained that since the Applicant was the City, presentation of the Staff report served as the Applicant’s testimony. He called for any testimony in favor of, impartial to, or opposed to the application. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing and called for Commission discussion and deliberation.

Commissioner Mitchell said she had been following the Riverfront Vision Plan implementation and believed she could vote on this request with a good understanding of the process.

Commissioner Easom moved that the Astoria Planning Commission adopt the Findings and Conclusions contained in the Staff report, approve Amendment A15-01 by the Community Development Department, and

recommend City Council adopt the amendment; seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS: None.

MISC.:

An amended list of Planning Commissioners is attached to the Agenda packet. This is for Commission information only, no action required.

Vice President Innes noted the next Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>, could be cancelled because there is nothing on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
Interim Planner