



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 21, 2023

Agnew Residence

Present: Commissioners Bruce Agnew, Jeremy Laws, Steve Miller, Steve Tegeler and Kim Moloney

Staff: Deputy Clerk Addie Tych and Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder

Guests: Eugenia Yen (Beaux Arts resident) and Julia Morse (Beaux Arts resident)

Commissioner Agnew called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beaux Arts resident Eugenia Yen alerted the Commissioners to a resident led petition circulating in the town that is asking that a property owner and builder consider altering their approved building plans so as not to remove a large significant tree. She also informed the Commissioners that several interested residents have formed a group with the intent to meet and look at Beaux Arts trees and their future preservation.

Beaux Arts resident Julia Morse spoke about the efforts the tree advocate group intends to review. She mentioned that they plan to also look at how other neighboring communities have been advocating tree health and conservation awareness. There might be established precedents or other useful information that Beaux Arts could benefit from.

MINUTES

Commissioner Laws moved to approve the June 22, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Moloney seconded. Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

COUNCIL UPDATE

None.

2023 PLANNING COMMISSION WORK PLAN – *for discussion*

Town Engineer Schroeder reviewed the Commission's work plan. The Growth Management Act Periodic Update Checklist (GMA PUC) shows thirteen potential comprehensive plan update elements. So far, the Commission has finished reviewing three of the thirteen elements.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN, UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION – *for discussion*

Town Engineer Schroeder introduced the next three elements: capital facilities plan, utilities, and transportation. Prior to the meeting, Town Engineer Schroeder reviewed each element and concluded that the Town currently complies with all the new requirements. She shared her findings and gave a brief overview of each element and discussed them with the Commissioners. Over the last few years,

many surrounding municipalities have added code provisions to require new utility lines be installed underground. Town Engineer Schroeder noted that the Council had discussed amending the Town's code to do so as well but at the time, decided not to take any further action. The Commissioners discussed and concluded that it would be advantageous for the Town to have a goal to eventually underground all utility lines.

OTHER BUSINESS

During their past discussion on historical home preservation, the Commission queried if it would be possible for historic home remodels to have more leniency when applying for a variance. Touching on the tree preservation comments made during the public appearances portion of the meeting, Commissioner Miller brought this idea up again, and thought that this could also be extended to instances where someone was trying to protect a large tree. The Commissioners briefly discussed.

Motion: Request the Council allow the Commission to review the variance process specifically to look at adding allowances or special considerations in applications involving a historic property or large tree. Moved by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Agnew. Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Commissioner Laws moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Commissioner Tegeler seconded. Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Tych, Deputy Clerk