

PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

August 21, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clyde List. Planning Commission members present were Clyde Sanders, Norma Borchers, Rick Demings, Paul Clayton, and Al Swenson.

It was moved by Clyde Sanders and seconded by Clyde List to approve the minutes of July 28, and August 7. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Commission recommended that the City obtain the APA analysis of 1979 state legislation related to planning called Planning 79.
2. Mr. Dugdale reported on the status of the Port of Portland land development project.
3. Mr. List introduced the newest Planning Commissioner, Mr. Rick Demings.
4. Mr. Dugdale passed out the revised Land Use Element Text. He said the revised map was being prepared and would follow.
5. Mr. List recognized representatives from Washington Cable Inc. Mr. Morris Scholten and Mr. Ken Shannon indicated their company's interest in forming a Cable TV franchise in Sherwood. They were directed to the City Council to make a formal request.
6. Mr. List announced the MSD meeting on Thurs. August 23 at which time the MSD Council would consider new Urban Growth policy to be submitted to LCDC with their request for UGB compliance.

DRAFT TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT REVIEW

Mr. Dugdale introduced Mr. Thayer Rorhbaugh of TPM Inc., the consultants on our Transportation Element.

URBAN STREET STANDARDS

Mr. Rorhbaugh explained that street standards depended on the need for 1) Interjurisdictional consistency 2) Safety 3) Traffic volumes (vehicle and pedestrian). Mr. Sanders expressed the concern that the right-of-ways proposed in the draft were excessive.

Mr. Rorhbaugh said he thought Collector and Local Street Standards could be reduced somewhat i.e. a minimum of 32' of pavement. He added that arterial standards were probably the minimum necessary.

The question of existing substandard street was discussed. Mr. Rorhbaugh explained that the standards are primarily for new development. Upgrading of existing streets to standard would depend on City policy in each case.

The effect of the energy crisis was discussed. Mr. Rorhbaugh said he thought alternative transportation modes will be necessary. But he stressed the advantage of preparing for future demand for automobile routes by acquiring adequate right-of-way now. Minimum travel lanes should be 9'."Pure capacity" of a travel lane is 2,000 vehicles per hour at 30 m.p.h. but a better definition of capacity considers level of service desired.

Bikeways were discussed. Mr. Rorhbaugh felt that there would be increasing demand for bikeways and routes for short trips. The question of possible City liability for accidents was cited as a disadvantage of combination bike and pedestrian paths. Mr. Rorhbaugh described three accepted classes of bikepaths and suggested the City develop a detailed bikeway plan.

Circulation in the Southeast Quadrant of the Planning Area was discussed. Mr. Rorhbaugh recommended that the City do whatever is possible to discourage use of Division Street as a collector if its local status is to be preserved. An alternative route would help take the pressure of Division, he said.

The Six Corners redesign was discussed. Mr. Rorhbaugh stressed that the design was not specific as to engineering but included two major features:
A. That Six Corners be reduced to Four Corners.
B. That an alternative routing of N. Sherwood Blvd. traffic to Hwy. 99W be built.

Norma Borchers expressed her opposition to the idea. Stressing safety problems at the point of N. Sherwood Blvd's. proposed intersection with Hwy. 99W. The Commission agreed informally not to make a recommendation on the matter until more detailed study of other possible alternative could be made.

A need for Truck Routes was identified.

Al Swenson moved to approve the Transportation Element for inclusion into the first combined draft of the Comprehensive Plan with previous revisions with the exception of urban road standards which would be further discussed at the next meeting. Clyde Sanders seconded. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN

Mr. List nominated Joe Galbreath. Mr. Swenson seconded. Motion carried.

SELECTION OF A SITE REVIEW BOARD MEMBER

Mr. List nominated Rick Demings. Mr. Sanders seconded. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE REVISED LAND USE ELEMENT

Mr. Dugdale pointed out new sections in the Land Use Element including Mobile Home Policy Summary Background Data and Analysis and Community Design Section.

NEXT MEETING AGENDAS

September 4: Environmental Resources Element Review

September 18: Community Facilities and Services Element Review.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.