

July 28, 2021

The LEWISTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION met in the Community Development Department Second Floor Conference Room at 215 “D” Street. Vice Chair Tousley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rick Tousley, Vice Chair; Michael Busch; Joan Hunter; Richard Kremer; Michael Menegas;

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Hannah Liedkie, Chair;

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Von Tersch, Community Development Director; Tanya Brocke, Community Development Specialist; Aaron Butler, IT;

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No public attended the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Menegas and Kremer moved and seconded, respectively, approval of the July 14, 2021 meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Commissioner Hunter abstaining.

III. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF A NEW URBAN RENEWAL PLAN REVENUE ALLOCATION AREA #7, DOWNTOWN/NORMAL HILL AREA

Acting Chair Tousley explained the public hearing process, opened the public hearing and asked for staff report.

Community Development Director Laura Von Tersch explained that the adoption of the American Rescue Plan by Congress provides a funding source for the water trunk line in Main Street that had been a priority project in the Downtown/Normal Hill Urban Renewal Plan. As a result, the Urban Renewal Board chose to recall the Plan, and make revisions to more specifically support development initiatives such as Twin City Foods and the Lewis Clark Hotel. A second revision is an expanded section on removal of blight, including derelict metal buildings along Beachy and Capital and structures impacted by fire. The Urban Renewal Agency Board conducted a public hearing on this matter on July 13, 2021 and after deliberation, passed Resolution 2021-3 to proceed with its adoption. Pursuant to Idaho Code 50-2008(b), the Planning and Zoning Commission shall make its recommendation to the City Council as to the conformity of the proposal to the Comprehensive Plan.

There being no public testimony received and no public in attendance, Acting Chair Tousley closed the public hearing.

Commissioners Menegas and Kremer moved and seconded, respectively, that the Urban Renewal Plan for the Downtown/Normal Hill Area conforms with the Comprehensive Plan and authorizing the Chair to sign a letter with such recommendation to the City Council. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. STAFF-COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Query of Commissioners to attend the regularly scheduled meeting of 8/11/21.

Commissioners Busch and Tousley were not sure, while Commissioners Hunter, Menegas and Kremer planned to attend.

B. Other

Commissioners asked for follow up on the vacant position and emails.

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioners Busch and Menegas moved and seconded, respectively to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0 and the Planning and Zoning Commission adjourned at approximately 5:46 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Tanya M. Brocke
Recording Secretary

Chairperson or Acting Chairperson
Planning and Zoning Commission

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.