

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
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The Town of Orange Planning Commission held a meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Town of Orange Community Meeting Room. Planning Commission members present were: Chairman Benjamin Sherman, Vice-Chair Page Sullenberger, Commissioners Rita Carroll, Donald Schafer and LJ Taylor. Staff members present were Director of Community Development John Cooley, AICP, CZA, Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC and Town Attorney Catherine Lea. Mayor Roby was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order. The Deputy Town Clerk called roll and noted that there was a quorum present. The Director of Community Development requested agenda items 4 and 5 be switched.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Mullins of 185 Taylor Street appeared before the Commission and stated she was in favor of a dog park in the Town.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2024

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Sullenberger, seconded by Commissioner Carroll, to approve the meeting minutes of September 23, 2024, as presented. On vote, Chairman Sherman – aye, Vice-Chair Sullenberger – aye, Commissioner Carroll – aye, Commissioner Schafer – aye, and Commissioner Taylor – aye. Motion carried.

UPDATES FROM COMMISSION REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Commissioner Carroll reported that the Transportation Committee was scheduled to have their first meeting on October 29th, virtually. Commissioner Carroll stated that the Arts Committee did not have a quorum, and she was working to recruit more members. Commissioner Carroll stated further that the Arts Committee was scheduled to meet November 5th, virtually.

Vice-Chair Sullenberger reported that the Architectural and Environmental Committees would work together, and they plan to meet on a regular basis.

Commissioner Taylor stated that he had not been able to contact the members of his committees due to the fact he was locked out of his town email. Commissioner Taylor reported that this was reported to staff who would contact IT to have this issue resolved.

Commissioner Schafer reported that he had spoken to all members of his committees, but they had not met yet.

Chairman Sherman reported that he emailed all members of his committees, and they plan to meet in the next 2 weeks.

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The Director of Community Development stated that the work session meetings would focus on the updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Carroll stated that she met with three school-age kids that would like to be involved with the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Carroll reported that she planned to meet with the SCA to explain the Comprehensive Plan in hopes of getting more young people involved.

DISCUSSION ON UPDATES TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP)

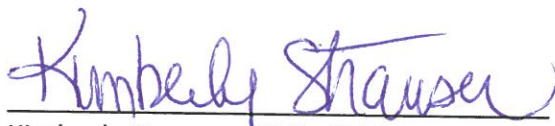
The Director of Community Development stated that the current CIP was last approved by the Commission on August 28, 2023. The Director of Community Development requested that the Commission review the CIP and discuss with their Comprehensive Plan Committees for input as well. A discussion was held.

After discussion, the Director of Community Development stated that staff would reach out to department heads for their input and the Commission would review the CIP at their meeting in February.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6 p.m. The Deputy Town Clerk stated that this would be our last meeting for the year.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.


Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk


Chairman Benjamin Sherman