

**LINCOLN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
August 15, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Brian Bunnnett	Commissioner	Present	
Clay Glasgow	Commissioner	Present	
Mellissa Sumner	Commissioner	Absent	
Marci Baker	Commissioner	Present	
Robert Vincent	Chair	Present	
Kim Blackerby	Commissioner	Present	

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Assistant Planner Andrea Riner distributed notes from Commissioner Marci Baker. Commissioner Kim Blackerby shared hard copies of his previously submitted comments.

**2.1. Community Resiliency**

Ms. Riner provided an overview of the process staff used to develop the most recent draft of the chapter on Community Resiliency. She reminded the Commissioners that they had decided at the last work session to eliminate redundancies, focus on the highest priorities, and put together a strong set of fully vetted core policies and objectives. She noted that the number of categories had been reduced and clarified under three headings: Overall/General, Climate Resiliency, and Emergency Preparedness. Director Skinner gave an overview of the contents within the agenda packet.

Chair Vincent asked Commissioner Baker to share her notes. Commissioner Baker gave a brief overview and suggested the group go through the draft chapter.

In discussing the introduction, the Commissioners agreed to reflect the importance of a connected community as part of ensuring resiliency, with a stronger tie to communication and engagement. Commissioner Baker added that the chapter also is addressing Statewide Goal #1 for public involvement.

Commissioner Baker supported the goal as written, but asked other Commissioners whether if it should reflect the connected community perspective, and address food supply issues. Commissioner Blackerby suggested adding Commissioner Baker's recommended language. The edited goal was agreed upon as follows: Ensure ongoing community resiliency by fostering a connected community that supports one another during crises and prioritizes access to essential resources. Protect human life, minimize damage to the natural and built environment and facilitate rapid recovery from natural disasters and hazards and prepare for and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

The Commissioners next reviewed the policies/objectives, agreeing upon the new structure and the three categories. Language was added to the second general/overall policy/objective to reflect

community participation and support. Policy objective #6 was revised to be consistent with current code language that states that development in bluff erosion hazard areas requires the involvement of an engineering geologist, certified to practice in Oregon, or geotechnical engineer registered and licensed to practice in Oregon.

Commissioner Glasgow questioned the value of policy/objective #3 relating to development and zoning ordinances. Director Skinner suggested deleting it as it was not needed, vague, and confusing. Commissioner Baker suggested consolidating it with policy/objective #1. Policy/objective #4 was revised to change the terms transportation facilities to critical infrastructure and eliminate the reference to locating new facilities outside of inundation areas. The Commissioners also agreed to eliminate policy/objective #7 relating to specific wildfire mitigation efforts, and add language to policy/objective #1 to coordinate with all applicable agencies.

In responding to a question from Commissioner Glasgow about the existence of a City climate action plan and a capital management plan, Director Skinner stated that there is a City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Sustainability Committee is still in discussion about whether they will be developing a plan for overall sustainability or if it will be specific to climate change. Policy/objective #1 was revised to not capitalize the climate action plan reference. Policy/objective #2 and #3 were combined and simplified. Commissioner Glasgow requested clarification about policy/objective #4 and how future climate conditions would be applied to planning and design standards. Commissioner Baker asked about her suggestions to include references to the work of the Sustainability Committee. Ms. Riner stated that she had worked to distinguish climate resiliency as it relates to the natural hazards goal from the overarching issue of sustainability, and that the level of detail was more specific to the work of the Sustainability Committee. Commissioner Baker suggested adding a recommendation to budget sufficiently for needed environmental evaluations. Commissioner Blackerby agreed that he felt resources were an issue. The group agreed to a general statement to consider long-range resource needs associated with climate change planning and data collection.

The Planning Commission ended the discussion with a review of emergency preparedness policies/objectives. Commissioner Baker suggested a stronger emphasis on communication and the accessibility of information. She also noted that information needed to be more geographically specific. Other commissioners felt that the reference to developing a culture of preparedness addressed these concerns adequately.

Director Skinner stated that she had incorporated all of the discussed edits, and that the revised chapter would be brought back as a final in a subsequent meeting.

## **2.2. Economic Development and Urbanization**

Director Skinner reviewed the draft chapter on Economic Development and Urbanization. She asked if the Planning Commission felt the introduction needed more data on the current number of restaurants, hotels, etc., and the Commissioners responded that they did not see the need. Responding to a question from Commissioner Glasgow, Commissioner Baker shared that she was a local business owner and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. She added that they had been kept apprised of the comprehensive plan update work throughout the plan development. No changes to the introduction or to the goal were proposed, outside of making the goal one single paragraph.

Only one revision was suggested for the policies/objectives. Commissioner Baker recommended adding a reference to housing, and providing options for residents to live close to where they work, such as by emphasizing mixed use development.

Commissioners also discussed the need for access to affordable goods, and determined that the existing set of policies/objectives adequately addressed this concept.

### **2.3. September Work Session Schedule**

The next regular meetings are scheduled for September 5th and 19th, and the agendas are full. The Commissioners decided to schedule their next work session for Thursday, September 21st at 12:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss Parks, Recreation, and Open Space and Coastal Resources.

## **III. ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Marie Skinner  
Planning Director

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Robert Vincent  
Chair