

**LINCOLN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 28, 2023**

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

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Brian Bunnett	Commissioner	Present	
Melissa Sumner	Commissioner	Excused	
Marci Baker	Commissioner	Present	
Robert Vincent	Chair	Present	
Jason Corso	Commissioner	Present	
Kim Blackerby	Commissioner	Present	

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**2.1. Coastal Resources**

Chair Robert Vincent opened the discussion relating to the Coastal Resources component of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Director Skinner stated that she had received comments from representatives of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the Cascade Head Biosphere, and the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition. The current draft reflects those comments.

Commissioner Blackerby suggested editing the goal to eliminate run-on sentences. Commissioner Baker concurred, and suggested including a reference to rivers and forests. Ms. Riner requested that the goal use only two of the three terms of preserve, conserve, and protect. The Commissioners agreed to remove "conserve". The resulting language was: Preserve, protect, and where appropriate restore or develop the coastal resources of our community. These resources include shorelands, beaches, dunes, the Siletz Bay Estuary, ocean, river, and forest resources. Their value is recognized for protection and maintenance of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, water-dependent uses, economic resources, recreation, and aesthetics.

Commissioner Baker commented that the fourth paragraph of the introduction regarding the extent of the Cascade Head Marine Reserve was confusing. Following a discussion, staff suggested that they would get further clarification and edit the sentence accordingly. Responding to a question from Commissioner Blackerby, Director Skinner confirmed that the name of the area was still the Marine Reserve, and not the Marine Region.

Commissioner Bunnett requested that all of the policies/objectives start with a verb. Ms. Riner agreed and stated that she would do a thorough review of the entire document to ensure this is addressed consistently. Commissioner Bunnett also supported adding language to further promote public awareness for coastal resource protection, such as through signage. Chair Vincent suggested that it might be more appropriate as part of the section on Parks and Open Space, while Commissioner Blackerby was not opposed to it being incorporated in both. Ms. Riner supported the intent of the objective with the removal of any specific programmatic recommendations, such as signs. Director Skinner agreed, supporting a general policy to increase public awareness and

consciousness of our unique and fragile coastal environments. Commissioner Baker also supported having public awareness objectives in both the Parks and the Coastal Resources chapters.

Commissioner Corso asked about the proper capitalization of plant and wildlife names. Ms. Riner said she would add this to her editorial review.

## **2.2. Community Resiliency**

Commissioner Blackerby suggested a minor edit to the third sentence in the second paragraph relating to the Lincoln City components of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, and to the second sentence of the goal.

Commissioner Baker supported adding an objective around exploring improved local communication and emergency notifications during power, cell phone, or other outages under community preparedness.

Commissioner Bunnett suggested a revision to the first paragraph of the introduction to add the term "shared" to wisdom, which was supported by the other commissioners.

Commissioner Baker stated that Statewide Goal #1 for Citizen Involvement was another goal addressed in this chapter. Ms. Riner agreed and stated that she would add a checkmark to that item in the next draft.

## **2.3. Economic Development and Urbanization**

Commissioner Bunnett suggested simplifying the language in the second paragraph of the introduction and changing the reference to the biosphere region. He also had a minor change to the second sentence of the goal.

Commissioner Baker suggested that the percentages in the second paragraph relating to income sources be presented in graphic form instead if at all possible. She also had a minor edit to the sentence following regarding keeping retiree income stays in our local economy. She suggested adding a reference to entry-level jobs in paragraph four of the introduction or to the second policy/objective. Ms. Riner asked the planning commissioners to share their perspective about the opportunities for youth available currently in Lincoln City.

Commissioner Blackerby suggested some minor edits to eliminate run-on sentences in the first and fifth paragraphs of the introduction.

Commissioner Baker suggested using the term "visitors" throughout the document instead of tourists. Ms. Baker also supported adding a policy/objective to encourage the City to prioritize spending locally. Due to specific legal requirements relating to contracts and RFPs, Director Skinner recommended against putting such language into the Comprehensive Plan.

## **2.4. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space**

Commissioner Corso suggested simplifying the description of the current park so that the document remains more relevant over time.

Commissioner Baker commented that the open space acreage figures should be confirmed and remain consistent throughout the document.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Bunnett, Director Skinner stated that only passive recreation was permitted in designated open space areas, such as birdwatching, photography, and walking/hiking.

## **2.5. Land Use**

Commissioner Baker commented that the land use designations for the Taft Village Core (TVC), and the Nelscott and Oceanlake Plan Areas seemed very similar. She questioned why they couldn't be addressed as a single land use designation. Director Skinner stated that such a change would require a zone change that was not anticipated as part of the Comprehensive Plan, and that it would require significant effort. Currently the only changes suggested are to revise the names of some of the land use designations, and to add one new land use designation for Public Facilities.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Blackerby, Director Skinner stated that the neighborhoods with unique zoning, such as Nelscott and Oceanlake, had been the subject of Urban Renewal Agency planning efforts.

The planning commissioners suggested several ways to improve the second sentence of the second introductory chapter.

Commissioner Baker commented that the existing Comprehensive Plan chapter on Land Use included discussions on a wide range of issues, including subdivision regulations, land acquisition, planned unit developments, transfers of development rights, the building code, capital improvement plans, and urban growth boundary adjustments. Director Skinner stated that these were all taken directly from the Statewide Planning Goals and did not need to be restated in the new Comprehensive Plan Update.

## **III. DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Director Skinner concluded the meeting by reviewing the schedule for the remaining action items for completing the Comprehensive Plan. A work session with City Council to review the final five chapters is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2023, and the Planning Commission public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. A citywide mailing of the public hearing notification will be conducted on October 16, 2023.

## **IV. ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

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Anne Marie Skinner  
Planning Director

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Robert Vincent  
Chair