

**LINCOLN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 20, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, & ROLL CALL

6:01

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Marci Baker	Chair	Present	
Kim Blackerby	Commissioner	Present	
Joshua Brainerd	Commissioner	Late	
Patti Kroen	Commissioner	Present	
Lenny Nelson	Commissioner	Present	
Miles Schlesinger	Commissioner	Present	
MacNeale Smith	Commissioner	Present	

2. AGENDA CHANGES OR REVISIONS

Senior Planner Dave Mattison explained that due to legal advertisement issues, the public hearing for VAR 2021-01 needs to be postponed and re-noticed for the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Blackerby asked to be recognized, and then read the following note into the record:

"Staff and Fellow Commissioners:

"Recently it was brought to my attention by a member of Lincoln City staff that some of my behaviors at previous meetings were perceived as inappropriate. Specifically, I was accused of berating staff, acting outside of my legal authority, making requests without authority as well as being emotional and unhelpful. The communication I received further implied that I had previously caused a "train-wreck of a meeting". These accusations have been and remain very disturbing to me. I have spent the last week reflecting on these accusations. These reflections included me giving serious consideration to resigning from my volunteer position as a Planning Commissioner. However, upon further reflection and paying attention to what I learned during my professional career, I will not be resigning as I feel there is a lot I can contribute to this team of great volunteers. One thing I learned during my lengthy professional career is that "perceptions are real to those believing them". And if an individual believes their perceptions, there is little another person can do to change their mind. Well, I'm going to try to change perceptions. It is MY perception that I did not do any of the things I am being accused of, with the possible exception of emotion. I am passionate about my volunteer role and passionate about doing my part to contribute to Lincoln City becoming an even greater city than it is today. Since I was appointed to the Planning Commission 15 months ago, we have been led by 3 different Planning Directors (2 regular and one interim). The first Planning Director I volunteered under had only been in their position for a few months when I joined. So, there really has been 4 Directors in the last 20 months or so. It has been very difficult to learn, and know, what is right and what is wrong when you have a change in leadership approximately every 5 months.

Additionally, other members of the Lincoln City staff have their own opinions concerning how the Planning Commission should operate and they are often not on the same page. In fact, it has recently been rumored (and I stress rumored because I did not hear this first hand) that one member of the staff stated that the city currently had a “rogue Planning Commission”. I hope the rumor of that statement is not true. If it is true, I hope that staff member can explain their perception to this Commission.

"As stated earlier, I can admit to being emotional. As we see in many areas of life (sports, acting, politics, etc.) emotion very often translates to passion. Emotion can also be the result of frustration. Any emotion I may have displayed previously has, in my opinion, been the result of both passion AND frustration. Again, I am passionate about doing my part to help this city. I am frustrated with the continued change in direction at the Planning Department, the lack of support I perceive we are receiving, poor communication regarding agendas and poor materials we are provided when we are being asked to perform our volunteer roles.

"I apologize for this long message. Again, I do not feel I have done any of things I have been accused of, with the exception of emotion. I do, however, regret that my passion, emotion and frustration have been perceived in the way they have by members of staff. Without a doubt, that never has been, nor ever will be, my intent. One of my many mentors in life once stated that “most people operate with “Noble Intent”. When there was reasonable conflict in their organization, they encouraged everyone to consider that people want to do the right thing for others and to recognize that an individual was only doing what they thought was right for the organization at the time. Please perceive my actions going forward as always having Noble Intent.

"Finally, in the future, I ask that if I ever do anything that may upset or offend any of you, please contact me directly versus going through others who may have or may have not been directly involved in the matter. We have all changed lanes with cars in our blind spots. I definitely appreciate the “Lane Assist” function on my car. I just ask that the members of staff and my fellow commissioners be another Lane Assist device for me. I will do the same for you. Thank you all for this time.

"Kim Blackerby"

Commissioner Nelson said that Commissioner Blackerby's behavior has not struck her as inappropriate.

3. MINUTES

3.1.Planning Commission - Regular Meeting - Apr 6, 2021 6:00 PM

MOTION:	Motion to adopt the minutes from the April 6, 2021 meeting
MOVER:	Kim Blackerby, Commissioner
MOVER:	Lenny Nelson, Commissioner
AYES:	Baker, Blackerby, Brainerd, Kroen, Nelson, Schlesinger, Smith
RESULT:	Passed

4. FINAL ORDERS, RESOLUTION, & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELIBERATIONS

5.1. VAR 2021-01 - Markin Deck

6. OLD BUSINESS

Staff have received goals from several of the planning commissioners

Commissioner Blackerby asked about the variance that had been scheduled for the meeting. He said that one of the things that the Planning Commission would get previously was a map of the area or an aerial view to help locate the item. Commissioner Blackerby asked for additional information to be added to the packet. Mr Appicello said that a map will be included in the packet. He also warned the commissioners that the variance is still a pending land use application and that they should avoid gathering their own evidence. Commissioner Kroen agreed with Commissioner Blackerby and said that previously the commissioners were shown maps and other information during the meeting. Chair Baker agreed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Community Development Director Simon Kim reminded the commissioners that at the first meeting in May Lisa Phipps with DLCD will give a training presentation about state planning and the Statewide Planning Goals. Mr Kim will bring the citizen involvement program to the second meeting in May and will make a presentation and ask for the commissioners' input.

Commissioner Blackerby asked whether that will be the next time that the commissioners see the Comprehensive Plan. Mr Kim said that there are no comprehensive plan items on it. Commissioner Blackerby said that the commissioners all sent their input to Mr Kim several meetings ago, and asked when the next opportunity to see the plan with those edits will be. Mr Kim said that he has received the comments and they were helpful.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION TRAINING

9. REPORTS & COMMENTS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & NEXT MEETINGS

Commissioner Kroen asked that when the subdivision request comes back to the Planning Commission that there is a map in the meeting packet.

11. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 6:22

Respectfully submitted,

James White
Assistant Planner

Marci Baker
Chair