

**LINCOLN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 1, 2020**

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

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Marci Baker	Commissioner	Present	
Kim Blackerby	Commissioner	Present	
Joshua Brainerd	Commissioner	Absent	
Patti Kroen	Chair	Present	
Lenny Nelson	Commissioner	Present	
Miles Schlesinger	Commissioner	Present	
MacNeale Smith	Commissioner	Present	

**2. AGENDA CHANGES OR REVISIONS**

Chair Kroen invited Dave Mattison, the new Senior Planner, to introduce himself. Commissioners thanked Mr Mattison for calling to introduce himself last week.

No changes or revisions to the agenda.

**3. MINUTES**

**3.1. Planning Commission - Regular Meeting - Jul 21, 2020 6:00 PM**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2021 meeting
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>Lenny Nelson, Commissioner</b>
<b>SECONDER:</b>	<b>Kim Blackerby, Commissioner</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Baker, Blackerby, Kroen, Nelson, Schlesinger, Smith
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Joshua Brainerd
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed</b>

**4. FINAL ORDERS, RESOLUTION, & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELIBERATIONS**

None

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1. Revisiting the Approach to Revising the Tree Ordinance**

Chair Kroen provided a reminder of where the Planning Commission was going with the tree ordinance revision. City Manager Ron Chandler, City Attorney Richard Appicello, and Senior Planner Dave Mattison also provided context and history for the conversation. Mr Appicello recommended starting with the Comprehensive Plan as a starting point to determine the goal for any revisions.

The Planning Commissioners decided to continue moving forward with the tree ordinance discussion as a body, rather than through a sub-committee, as they had previously discussed.

Commissioners expressed a number of hopes for the tree ordinance revision, including:

- simplifying the ordinance and making it less confusing;
- identifying trees of importance and making sure that the decision to take out trees and clear cut is not simply a cost decision
- identifying a clear path to enforcement

The commissioners requested a presentation from Interim Planning Director Richard Townsend on the history of the tree ordinance and its relationship to the landscape ordinance. Mr Townsend suggested that the next meeting would be a good opportunity to continue the conversation.

Mr Mattison mentioned the City of Eugene and several others that have strong tree protection ordinances. Chair Kroen asked him to integrate that information into a presentation and for the material to be provided in advance of the meetings so that the commissioners can prepare.

- 8. PLANNING COMMISSION TRAINING**
- 9. REPORTS & COMMENTS**
- 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & NEXT MEETINGS**
- 11. ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

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James White  
Assistant Planner

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Patti Kroen  
Chair