

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Wittner called the special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, and Jamie Nixon were present. Mayor Hunter T. George and Councilmember Waltier were absent and excused. Planning Commissioners Sarah Hamel, Kathy L. McVay, Andrew Imholt, Ben Ferguson, and Shirley Schultz were present.

PLANNING COMMISSION 2021 WORK PLAN

Planning & Building Administrator Stahlnecker presented the draft 2021 work plan and provided a brief overview of each item. Wittner invited public comment and the following individual provided comment:

- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th St W #C, commented on her concerns about the disproportionate treatment between renters and owners and feels that the staff has not been responsive to her concerns.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY DISCUSSION

Stahlnecker provided an overview of housing affordability issues that impact Fircrest and presented multi-family dwellings that have the character features of single-family dwellings. There was discussion about allowing duplexes on corner lots and the concern that it could impact the streets on the north end of the City. Wittner invited public comments and the following individuals provided comment:

- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, commented that the Council should not move forward with additional changes due to the recent zoning changes in the Mixed-Use Zone and his concern for thorough public engagement during COVID-19.
- Ashley, 109 Eldorado Ave, commented on her support of increasing density to add more housing units and diversify the neighborhoods.
- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th Street W # C, commented that she would like to see lots of public engagement and she does not want to see lots under 45' wide.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ITEM NO. 2 GRANT OPTIONS

Stahlnecker briefly updated the Commission and Council on the history of the Department of Commerce grant and the requirement to explore additional options for grant funding. There was consensus to have the topic moved to a future study session.

CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSION

Stahlnecker provided a brief overview of the climate change discussion that took place at the 2019 joint meeting and the efforts by staff to educate the public. There are a few bills in the legislature that could impact our comprehensive plan.

Councilmember Viafore left the meeting at 6:59 P.M. and returned at 7:01 P.M.

Mayor George joined the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

There was a brief discussion on community outreach and that the GMCC is seeking input from PCRC regarding requiring a climate change element in the Comprehensive Plans. Lastly, there was a brief discussion on businesses being large contributors to emissions and incentivizing them to reduce emissions or offset the impacts. Wittner invited public comment and the following individual provided comment:

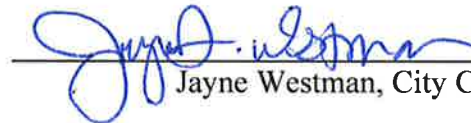
- Yolonda Brooks, 6464 19th Street W # C, commented that staff could invite knowledgeable professionals to set up a booth at Fircrest Fun Days or National Night Out.

ADJOURNMENT

Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M., seconded by Barrentine. The Motion Carried (6-0).



Hunter T. George, Mayor



Jayne Westman, City Clerk