

**City of Lafayette**  
**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Kerr led the flag salute.

3. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Kerr called the Roll:

*Present:* Chair Ron Kerr, Stephen Belding, Jon Meola, Scott Adamson, David Rogers, Roger Webb

*City Staff Present:* Branden Dross, City Administrator; Jim Jacks, City Planner; Jasmine Garcia, Community Development Clerk; Kennedee Richardson, City Recorder

*Others:* Stan Kosmick

4. **CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

No discussion.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. *February 15, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes*  
Commissioner Meola moved to approve the February 15, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. **WORK SESSION**

- a. *Residential Legislative Amendments (LA 2024-01)*

City Planner Jim Jacks went over his staff report regarding the housing amendments to comply with legislation from 2019 to 2024 legislative sessions.

There were discussions regarding the Homeowners Association (HOA) and the deed restrictions they can add to homes which go into greater detail than what the State or City requires. The City allows Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in all residential areas. There was clarification on ADU's being allowed but not forced.

Chair Kerr explained to the Commission that these revisions will potentially shift or change since Jacks will need to work on them and stated that these are just a sample of what it would look like. City Administrator Dross wanted clarification on what needs to be done for the changes made regarding ADU's. Jacks stated that most of the work had been done, there was no resolution completed. Jacks went over the work that the Planning Commission did eight years ago.

Commissioner Belding stated he did not want to rubber stamp something that was done four or two years ago. He would like to know the past Commissioners experience with this and if there were any debates and what they came up with. Commissioner Meola gave the current Commissioners the history of the last meeting regarding these amendment changes. Jacks provided his experience with the last meeting. Chair Kerr stated that in the end everyone was supportive of what Jacks had provided.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### *a. 2024 Planning Commission Direction*

City Administrator Dross stated he has received a lot of good feedback from the newer Commissioners in dialogue and where we should be as a Planning Commission. He wanted to make sure that the City Council and the Planning Commission are on the same page. City Administrator Dross stated that unless there is a major land-use issue that needs to be discussed it will be a work session with the City Council. City Administrator Dross stated that there may be an additional meeting next February depending on how the election goes and how many new City Councilors there are. City Administrator Dross went over some work he and City Planner Jim Jacks worked on last year on grants.

### *b. June Joint Work Session with City Council*

City Administrator Dross gave the Commissioners his reason as to why this joint work session is needed. Commissioner Belding stated he agrees with Dross and agrees he wants to work in conjunction with the City Council to see what needs to be done and what direction we want to go. City Administrator Dross stated that the Planning Commission has already done great work with the Marijuana Amendment and the City Council passed it and there is already a potential business working on opening here in Lafayette. Commissioner Webb went over his plans with parks and the river.

## **8. Next Meeting**

### *a. April 18, 2024*

Chair Kerr stated that the Planning Commission should meet back in April with the various adjustments from the City Planner.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Belding moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Meola seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. No further discussion.

Minutes approved on the 18th day of April 2024.

**CERTIFIED:**



Ron Kerr, Chair

**ATTESTED:**



Jasmine Garcia, Community Development Clerk