

Minutes of the
CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL
Work Session
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Knop, Council President Nancy McCarthy, Councilors Brandon Ogilvie, Lisa Kerr and Gary Hayes

Planning Commissioners Les Sinclair, Dorian Farrow, Erik Ostrander in person.
Anna Moritz, Aaron Matusick, Mike Bates and Clay Newton via Zoom.

Design Review Board Members: Anita Dueber and Harvey Claussen in person.

Excused: Planning Commission member Michelle Valigura and Design Review Board Member Dave Doering

Absent: Design Review Board member Jen Yih and Planning Commissioner

Staff: City Manager Bruce St. Denis, Community Development Director Steve Sokolowski, Planner Robert St. Clair, and Recorder Jennifer Barrett

Others: Urbsworks representative Marcy McNelly on Zoom. Keith Liden and Ethan Rosenthal on Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Knop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Ogilvie moved to approve the agenda as presented; Hayes seconded the motion.

Vote: Ogilvie, Hayes, Knop, McCarty and Kerr voted AYE. The vote was 5:0 and the motion carried. The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSIONS

(1) Code Audit Joint Work Session with Planning Commission and Design Review Board

Marcy McNelly gave an overview of tonight's agenda. Kerr said I would prefer to do wetlands 2nd so Mickey can be here as she will be late.

McNelly the materials have all the comments that have been submitted. We've submitted to DLCD to

get the clock running. We have a first evidentiary hearing scheduled with Planning Commission for 10/26. Kerr said there were things in the draft that we had comments on too, what was included in the clean draft that was submitted? McNelly replied the clean copy is not the final version, it's an 80% draft to get the clock started. I wasn't seeking additional comments. We are taking your work, working to address internally with expert ecologist and Keith. We previewed with you to get direction and to move forward. Kerr asked when we go through it I can bring up the places where no decision was made. McNelly replied it would be helpful to frame topics in the order of the memo. Knop asked when submitted do they know it's an 80% draft, McNelly replied yes, it is very common. McNelly added we can set this aside until Mickey is here. Kerr added she should be on zoom at 7pm and I have her notes.

McNelly said with the code rewrite, we want to address the comment that things are not moving forward. Things have been slow due to summer and the wetland has been taking a lot of energy and time and it has slowed us down. The first step of code rewrite was to produce a policy neutral reorganized version of it and we will be bringing that forward. It's eliminating duplication and making it easier to refer to. Once adopted we can track change edit. McNelly gave an overview of the process, adding in October will have first hearing with Planning Commission and on 16th will have next joint meeting. Per the meeting on the 5th wanted to talk about public engagement.

(2) Community Engagement Discussion

McNelly said foredone sounded like lay out the facts through a process. Go out to public with discussion options about facts, then having testimony until exhausted. With that info in place the council made a decision on what to do. I think a similar process would work here to. I would like guidance from you. The survey on village character was well responded to. Do you want to do this quickly? One way to do the effort would be the foredone process but accelerate to a week or month, noting the advantages. Kerr replied I would like to see it done in a consolidated way. McCarthy added me to. McCarthy gave an overview of the process with foredone, a discussion ensued. McNelly gave an overview of the the 2nd steps of the process, adding we will likely have a longer list of things than what we can accomplish, then set aside the other for future action. There is a priority process. We have to put thought into this before we take it to the public and don't feel we can be ready for the public before the holidays, adding January is a good time. Kerr said when is public engagement for wetlands, McNelly replied at the hearing in October. A discussion ensued regarding prioritization. Discussed breaking it down to smaller projects and including the parks committee. Discussed the tree social group and what they are working on. Kerr noted we deemed the wetlands to be an emergency, and it is going to have public engagement as the hearing, and it has been turned into the state. We are moving forward on that, and it is separate from the rest of the code as we deemed it an emergency, a discussion ensued. Kerr gave an overview of tree social club. A discussion ensued about limiting housing.

Moritz arrived at approximately 6:46 pm.

Moritz said wetlands vs land available, there isn't that much buildable land on wetland lots of record in the city, so if we're talking about bang for our buck, I think there are probably other spaces where we really need to focus our attention on. Increasing multi-family housing making sure that it's affordable, making sure that it's not a vacation home or second a short-term rental. I agree we need to take holistic view of city, in terms of how much land is wetlands, it's not that much. Newton added we need to address housing in our community.

Ostrander left at 6:49 pm

McInelly asked are there any other thoughts of public engagement? We heard ideas such as speakers series, a limited number of topics, compressed timeframe, perhaps follow foredone process with facts laid out and inform/engage public, then testimony taken, then decision made. I can bring back options on how to accomplish this.

Wetlands

McInelly said starting with agenda cover memo which describes what we've done with the draft provided and walk through how we reviewed and edited. We were clear of your intention and direction through the meetings with the social group. We moved forward to conduct these steps in the cover memo. The Planning Commission hearing scheduled on 10/26 for wetlands. Kerr said it doesn't seem that they are looking for our feedback on all comments in the margins, McInelly replied we can go through each point to tell you what we've done to the document and if things comes up and you don't think we've addressed that we can discuss. Kerr asked for a clean copy, McInelly replied I will get that to you tonight.

Farrow left at approximately 8:05.

McInelly went through the wetland language. Discussed revisions. McInelly said at end of the draft, we will send clean copy that was submitted to DLCDC. Kerr thanked McInelly for all the work.

McCarthy said when you bring back compressed speaker and compressed time frame will you back schedule.

Knop said the name social committee always bothered me, can we use focus group instead. Council agreed.

A discussion ensued regarding the timeframe.

Knop thanked focus group for their hard work, and PC, DRB, city staff and council.

(3) Good of the Order

McCarthy said Coffee with the Councilors on Monday.

Knop said Saturday 10-noon work party at forest reserve meet at the cache site, invasive species.

Bates said the tree group would like to meet in about a month from now, with DRB, PC, CC and Parks. The meeting has been scheduled for October 23rd at 6pm.

Kerr said I check the complaint form and it was not anonymous, and I was told it is anonymous. I looked at language that once issue resolved the person will be resolved with who files a complaint. I want to know if on paper they can be anonymous. J Barrett noted online form can be anonymous. Sinclair added if you want the code enforcement officer chance to contact you to get more details you need to provide information. Staff will coordinate with Chief and get back to Council.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Barrett, Recorder

Barb Knop, Mayor