

MINUTES of the Vernal City PLANNING COMMISSION

Vernal City Council Chambers - 374 East Main Street, Vernal, Utah

June 2, 2020

7:00 pm

Members Present: Samantha Scott, Nicholas Porter, Darcy McMickell, Eric Hunting, and Troy Allred

Members Excused:

Alternates Present: Ben McMickell

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Staff Present: Allen Parker, Assistant City Manager; Matt Tate, Building Official; and Sherri Montgomery, Administrative Clerk

WELCOME AND DESIGNATION OF CHAIR AND MEMBERS: Chair Samantha Scott welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING: *Nicholas Porter moved to acknowledge and approve of the special meeting. Ben McMickell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Samantha Scott, Nicolas Porter, Darcy McMickell, Eric Hunting, Troy Allred and Ben McMickell voting in favor.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2020: Chair Samantha Scott asked if there were any changes to the minutes from May 12, 2020. There being no corrections, *Eric Hunting moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020 as presented. Ben McMickell seconded the motion. The motion passed with Samantha Scott, Nicolas Porter, Darcy McMickell, Eric Hunting, Troy Allred and Ben McMickell voting in favor.*

GENERAL PLAN WORK SESSION: Allen Parker stated that this special work session will be a discussion on the complete streets of the General Plan. The consultant is working on the update and has put together the demographics and trails master plan. The consultant needs the feedback from the Planning Commission on the complete streets with good examples in a structured way on how to do the cross sections in identified areas. The update to the General Plan needs to be done by the end of June in order to get the grant paid out to the consultant. Mr. Parker gave the Planning Commission three handouts. One included a map of the City's transportation plan identifying streets or classes of streets, a cross section sketch showing the distances in sidewalks, bike lanes, roadways, crosswalks, etc. and the other one explaining what a complete street means. The Planning Commission discussed the different options of bulb-outs, medians, diagonal parking, center turn lanes, parking, left and right turn lanes and bike lanes in certain areas of town including the down town area. The Planning Commission also discussed if and where bus stops may be needed. The Planning Commission all agreed that there needs to be more sidewalks and they need to be wider at least six feet instead of five and less planting strips. There was some discussion on bulb-outs and how they can effect snow removal. The Planning

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Commission agreed that they would prefer diagonal parking downtown closest to the businesses on one side of the street and maybe a bike line on the other side of the street. The Planning Commission felt that the City needs to cater more towards a tourism town. Mr. Parker explained that UDOT has committed to the complete streets concept on Main Street through down town. The engineers will look at mobile transit in all types of transportation and not just cars. Mr. Parker mentioned that they could paint a stripe in a section downtown for three months to see how the public responds to it. There was discussion regarding having no bike lanes; however, bigger sidewalks on Main Street. Mr. Parker stated that he will take all the information from this meeting and give to the consultant to have available at the next regular meeting, June 9, 2020. The Planning Commission all agreed with the wider sidewalks and to make sure that they are ADA compliant. The Planning Commission discussed a date for the public hearing on the General Plan. It was the consensus to hold the public hearing on June 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with the City Council's public hearing on July 1, 2020.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, *Troy Allred moved to adjourn. Ben McMickell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned.*

Samantha Scott, Planning Commission Chair