

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

FINAL

This meeting was held electronically via Zoom. There was no host site as the meeting was held electronically.

Commission Chair Ted Knowlton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Kent Kirkham led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commission Chair Ted Knowlton
Commissioner Stephen Garn
Commissioner Kent Kirkham
Commissioner BreAnna Larson
Commissioner Brandon Tucker
Commissioner Alisa Van Langeveld
Commissioner William Ward

STAFF PRESENT: Sherrie Pace, Community Development Director; Mackenzie Bennett, Planning Technician; Andrea Bradford, Minutes Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dee Lalliss, resident.

Chair Knowlton read the following proclamation “Whereas, the Planning Commission Chair has determined that conducting public meetings of the Planning Commission with an anchor location where the public could attend in person, presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at that location based upon the current Covid-19 pandemic and the limited staff support to properly ensure physical distancing and sufficient disinfection for attendees and staff. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Planning Commission shall hold meetings for the month of January 2021 by electronic means only, and will not include an anchor location where the public could attend in person.”

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dee Lalliss thanked Commissioners Kent Kirkham and Stephen Garn for their years of service on the Planning Commission. He commented that it took a lot of time and effort to serve and that it was not always easy especially when there was public clamor.

2. REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS ON ITEMS RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION

Sherrie Pace reported that during the December 15th City Council meeting the following was approved: the preliminary plats for Eaglewood Cove, final plat for NSL City Center, Phase 2, Park Lofts, and rezoning property for Silver Sky Lofts Townhomes to P District. She also said that the buildings on the Hughes RV site adjacent to Highway 89 had been demolished as they were a public nuisance and prone to vandalism, etc.

Chair Knowlton asked in regard to the timeline for the Hughes RV property. Sherrie Pace replied that the current property owners were attempting to sell the property to another developer. She explained that not demolishing the buildings and or securing the site could have affect the sale of the property.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 8, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Ward moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Garn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Commissioners Knowlton, Garn, Kirkham, Ward, Tucker, Larson, and Van Langeveld.

4. FAREWELL AND APPRECIATION TO RETIRING COMMISSIONERS

- a. STEPHEN GARN
- b. KENT KIRKHAM

Sherrie Pace commented that she had interviewed seven applicants and the Mayor would make the final decision on who would replace Stephen and Kent. She said Stephen Garn and Kent Kirkham had served on the Planning Commission from 2014 to 2020.

Chair Knowlton reflected over the last six years and said that the City had made a good start on the downtown area. There was now a sense of place which was a real legacy. He asked Commissioner Kirkham what he had taken away from his experience on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Kirkham commented that it had been great to be a part of setting up a plan for developers and others when they came to the City to build. He also said he enjoyed being able to make puns over the years during the Commission meetings.

Commissioner Garn said it had been an enjoyable experience that he would never forget and that he would cherish the friendships he had made. He stated that the form based code had resulted in an amazing change in the City and was proud of the City, staff and Council.

Sherrie Pace commented that she often told other city planners about how great the NSL Planning Commission is.

Chair Knowlton asked the two outgoing commissioners if they had any advice or regrets during their tenure. Commissioner Kirkham replied that the Commission served the City and was not there for any agenda. He said that each commissioner had different opinions and backgrounds, such as his construction background, and everyone should continue to be gracious and step back to just listen sometimes.

Commissioner Van Langeveld commented that one thing she appreciated about the outgoing Commissioners was their expertise in construction. She also spoke about the example of calmness from Commissioners Garn and Kirkham and said it was a reminder to be calm and listen instead of always being intense.

Commissioner Garn said that while there was no way to please everyone that the Commission worked together to come to the right decision. He said it was wonderful the way the Commission could discuss and come to an agreement and expressed how proud he was to be a resident of the City.

Commissioner Larsen expressed appreciation for the willingness of the outgoing Commissioners to talk through their decisions and provide their expertise. She explained that she had learned a lot from Kent and Stephen.

Commissioner Tucker commented that this Commission was one of civility and that tone was set by Stephen and Kent. He said they were both extremely kind individuals and taught the Commissioners to be proactive listeners while injecting humor into the meetings.

Commissioner Ward said that one thing he missed about the in person meetings was the chance to see how Stephen and Kent were leaning on an issue. Chair Knowlton agreed and said he knew if something resonated with Commissioners Kirkham and Garn then the Commission was good to proceed.

Sherrie Pace commented that the City Council, Mayor, and staff had prepared plaques to commemorate the time Commissioners Garn and Kirkham had served. She said the City Council may want them to attend a council meeting to thank them personally.

5. ADJOURN

Chair Knowlton adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Planning Commission of the City of North Salt Lake on Tuesday January 26, 2021 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Linda Horrocks, City Recorder