

Beverly Shores Plan Commission Minutes

April 19, 2021

1. The meeting of the Beverly Shores Plan Commission was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by virtual meeting broadcast to the public on Teams software. The public had been invited by email invitation. Members of the Plan Commission: John Blackburn, Greg Brown, Joe Kapacinskis, Greg Lyman, Tom Weber, Donna Norkus and Larry Stanton, were all present through the virtual meeting platform.

2. Review of previous meeting minutes.

Minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stanton moved to accept, seconded by Commissioner Norkus. Roll Call vote taken, and motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

A. Sherri Ziller of the RDA attended the meeting along with her team to discuss the creation of a TDD (Transit Development District) and the possible impact on the Commercial zone. The RDA is in the process of meeting with all the communities adjacent to the double tracking project. Legislation was put in place to create a TDD in each location to help these communities plan for the impact and create additional resources for these communities to help accomplish the local goals as a result of the double tracking. The representatives of the RDA made a powerpoint presentation and then took questions. The RDA will conduct future community meetings and hearings.

B. Discussion of possible changes to the Building Code.

A discussion was held on these issues:

- i. Building Permit Fees: Proposal to change the the building permit fees to more accurately reflect the town's cost to administer these services and oversight. Although all voiced interest in increasing these fees, it was thought that a new rate per square foot should be developed after reviewing the experience of the Building Commissioner and the Building Committee. The Commissioners agreed to table this until the next meeting to obtain that input.
 - ii. Fences: Proposal to limit some types of fences, i.e. barbed wire fence and discuss opacity. A discussion was held concerning redefining opacity to a minimum openness, discussion will continue at the next meeting.
4. Comprehensive Plan 2021. The Commission continued discussion on the comprehensive plan.
 5. The next meeting date is May 3, 2021.

6. Commissioner Weber moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Stanton seconded. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.