

**PLANNING COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**

March 5, 2019
6:30 PM

Planning and Development Conference Room

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Howden, Loyd, O’Day, Romine, Skains, Vice-Chairperson Pinkley and Chairperson Harris

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Burney, Nichols and Richards

Staff Present:

Joel Hornickel	Director of Planning & Development
Perry Eckhardt	Senior Planner
Amy Jackson	Planner
Chris Lebeck	City Attorney
Kendall Powell	Utilities Operations and Development Manager

AGENDA

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Hornickel stated staff had been very busy with March’s items and he thanked staff for their efforts. He stated a roundtable discussion had been held the previous week with local developers at the request of the Mayor and the City Administrator. He stated the primary topic of the discussion was affordable housing, but creating a better customer experience was also included. He stated staff was given a list of the attendee’s concerns and staff would be working to address them in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Skains asked if Branson’s fees were comparable to other cities.

Mr. Hornickel stated the City’s building fees were at or below the average. He stated Springfield’s were the highest in the area, and Branson was only recovering a small portion of staff’s time. He also stated staff was beginning to review medical marijuana codes based.

Mr. Lebeck stated only one medical marijuana dispensary application had been submitted to the state thus far for the zip code which includes Branson.

Commissioner Howden asked if the City could make marijuana dispensaries a prohibited use.

Mr. Hornickel stated the City was able to use zoning as a tool to direct where uses could and could not occur.

DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Hornickel stated all of the items from the February meeting had moved on to the Board of Aldermen.

UPDATE OF ONGOING PROJECTS

Mr. Hornickel stated staff had hosted 19 different stakeholder meetings to discuss the proposed sign code over the past month. He stated staff was preparing the second draft and they hoped to distribute it within the next couple weeks. He stated staff's next step would then be to seek guidance from Board of Aldermen. He stated staff continued to welcome any and all opportunities to speak with the public to answer any questions or address any concerns with the sign code. He stated staff continued to be frustrated from hearing negative comments second hand without the source contacting the Planning and Development Department to seek out answers or offer solutions.

Commissioner Loyd asked the Commission would be interested in having a special meeting to only discuss the sign code.

Chairperson Harris stated they could and potentially a meeting could be set for the hour before the next regular meeting.

REVIEW OF MARCH 5, 2019 PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA


Mr. Hornickel presented a brief summary of the posted agenda items.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Skains and seconded by Commissioner Howden, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.



Clark Harris, Chairperson

5-7-19

Date



Joel Hornickel, Director of Planning & Development

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Date