



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 27, 2021

Remote Meeting Via Zoom

Present:, Commissioners Jeremy Laws, Bruce Agnew and Steve Miller

Excused: Steve Tegeler and Kim Moloney

Staff: Acting Deputy Clerk Addie Tych

Guests: Councilmember Paula Dix, Tom Garvey (resident) and Chris Moore (Executive Director of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation)

Commissioner Laws called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

MINUTES: Commissioner Miller moved to approve the April 22, 2021 minutes as amended. Commissioner Agnew seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

COUNCIL UPDATE: There was no Council update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reconstruction, Zoning

Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder and Town Building Official Crystal Kolke reviewed the Town's current code definitions of "reconstruction" and "remodel" and together crafted revised definitions. Commissioners reviewed the new definitions and discussed. Commissioner Miller brought up the idea of adding labor cost the calculations and the other Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Miller moved to recommend that the Town Council take appropriate action to revise the BAVMC definitions of "reconstruction" and "remodel" using the revisions crafted by the Town Building Official and Town Engineer, with added language that the cost of labor be included in the construction costs to the "reconstruction valuation" and "remodel valuation." Commissioner Laws seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest Speaker Chris Moore, Ex. Dir. of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation

Commissioner Steve Miller was able to connect with Executive Director of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation Chris Moore and extend an invite to tonight's meeting. Mr. Moore led an informative discussion on historical preservation and what

other municipalities have done to define and protect these types of structures. He and the Commissioners examined Beaux Art's Historic Preservation code specifically the Historic Preservation Commission and the difficulties in establishing it. Councilmember Dix had been involved in enacting the ordinance creating the Historic Preservation Commission and agreed that it has always been challenging to find individuals willing to serve on the Commission. Mr. Moore went on to inform the Commission that King County has a Landmarks Commission which provides many of the same services the Historic Preservation Commission had attempted to. The Town would elect a representative who would be able to assist in the Commission's discussion but would have no voting power. However, the Town does not have to enact or follow through with the Commission's ruling. The Commissioners and Mr. Moore also discussed the National Register but noted that addition to this list is essentially honorific and does not provide any protection to the property.

The Commissioners expressed interest in continuing their discussion and review of the Town's historic preservation code. Commissioner Miller volunteered to attend the next Council meeting to seek further instruction.

Adjourn: Commissioner Agnew moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. Commissioner Laws seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next Planning Commission meeting is expected to be held remotely as before at 7:00pm on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Addie Tych, Acting Deputy Clerk

On behalf of
Angela Kulp, Deputy Clerk