



Provo City Planning Commission

Report of Action

February 26, 2020

ITEM # 1 The Community and Neighborhood Services Department requests an ordinance amendment to Section 15.20.090 of the Provo City Code, relating to Parking Lot Landscaping. The request seeks to increase the minimum canopy coverage and landscaping arrangement within new parking areas. Citywide application. Austin Taylor (801) 852-6423 ataylor@provo.org PLOTA20190433

The following action was taken by the Planning Commission on the above described item at its regular meeting of February 26, 2020

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On a vote of 5:0, the Planning Commission continued the above noted application to revise the list of approved trees.

Motion by: Andrew Howard

Second by: Laurie Urquiaga

Votes in Favor of Motion: Andrew Howard, Laurie Urquiaga, Lisa Jensen, Maria Winden, Robert Knudsen

Maria Winden was present as acting Chair.

STAFF PRESENTATION

The Staff Report to the Planning Commission provides details of the facts of the case and the Staff's analysis, conclusions, and recommendations. Key points addressed in the Staff's presentation to the Planning Commission include the following.

- Large amounts of paved parking area contribute to increased temperatures within the City.
- Increased tree canopy coverage can help to mitigate the effects of increased parking areas.

CONCERNS RAISED BY PUBLIC

One member of the public commented that the diamond-shaped planters may make it difficult for her to park her large truck in a parking space.

PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Members of the planning commission liked the idea of increasing the tree canopy to cool parking lots and surrounding areas. Maria Winden said that shaded parking spots are usually the first to be taken because parking lots get so hot in the summer. Robert Knudsen raised concern about trees being destroyed by cars if curbing is no longer required. Lisa Jensen and Laurie Urquiaga said that they don't like berries, leaves, and tree pollen falling on their cars and some of the approved trees may shed those things. The commission asked that staff revise the list of trees.

Maria Wind

Planning Commission Chair



Director of Community and Neighborhood Services

See Key Land Use Policies of the Provo City General Plan, applicable Titles of the Provo City Code, and the Staff Report to the Planning Commission for further detailed information. The Staff Report is a part of the record of the decision of this item. Where findings of the Planning Commission differ from findings of Staff, those will be noted in this Report of Action.

Legislative items are noted with an asterisk (*) and require legislative action by the Municipal Council following a public hearing; the Planning Commission provides an advisory recommendation to the Municipal Council following a public hearing.

Administrative decisions of the Planning Commission (items not marked with an asterisk) **may be appealed** by submitting an application/notice of appeal, with the required application and noticing fees, to the Community and Neighborhood Services Department, 330 West 100 South, Provo, Utah, **within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Planning Commission's decision** (Provo City office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.).

BUILDING PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS