

1 **PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING**

2 **Wednesday, July 22, 2020**

3 **7:00 p.m.**

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5 A quorum being present electronically via Zoom and live streamed on the Centerville
6 City YouTube channel due to Infectious Disease COVID-19, the meeting of the Centerville City
7 Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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9 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

10 Kevin Daly, Vice Chair
11 Cheylynn Hayman, Chair
12 Mason Kjar
13 Spencer Summerhays
14 Christina Wilcox
15 Becki Wright

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17 **STAFF PRESENT**

18 Cory Snyder, Community Development Director
19 Brant Hanson, City Manager
20 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
21 Leah Romero, City Recorder

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23 **STAFF ABSENT**

24 Mackenzie Wood, Assistant Planner

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26 **TREE BOARD**

27 Joy Chambers, Chair
28 Grant Chavez
29 Anne Linton
30 Gary Smith
31 Gary Woodward
32 Scott Zeidler

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34 **OPENING COMMENTS/LEGISLATIVE PRAYER** Commissioner Daly

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36 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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38 **TREE BOARD DISCUSSION**

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40 Tree Board Chair Joy Chambers and members of the Tree Board introduced themselves
41 and spoke of the value of having trees in a community. Anne Linton emphasized benefits of five-
42 foot park strips over three-foot park strips when planting trees. Gary Woodward added that
43 serpentine sidewalks also provide more space for growing trees. Grant Chavez commented
44 there are groups in Salt Lake County that send volunteers upon request to harvest residential
45 fruit trees to share with others in the community. Gary Smith reported that the Tree Board had
46 compiled a list of trees recommended for residential planting and submitted a draft ordinance to
47 the City Council for consideration. Joy Chambers commented that some cities recognize the

cyclical nature of trees in residential neighborhoods and budget for removal and replacement of aged residential trees. Scott Zeidler explained what it means to qualify as a Tree City USA.

The Tree Board answered questions from the Planning Commission. Chair Hayman suggested a Tree Board page on the City website would be helpful for development situations. Cory Snyder, Community Development Director, explained current park strip requirements for new development. The group discussed City versus property owner maintenance responsibility of park strip trees, and possible changes to City ordinance. Chair Hayman suggested the Tree Board identify areas of the City where serpentine sidewalks might be appropriate. Joy Chambers said the Tree Board was working on a page for the City website. Mr. Snyder explained that the width of rights of way (park strip and sidewalk) was limited by City street width requirements.

Commissioner Summerhays spoke of conflicting opinions within the City, and the difficulty in achieving consensus regarding trees and park strips. Mr. Snyder explained some of the conflicts with utility infrastructure in park strips. Commissioner Wright spoke of creating a culture of supporting trees in the community. Commissioner Summerhays suggested a cost difference analysis for tree removal versus tree root maintenance and sidewalk grinding. Scott Zeidler commented that lifted tree roots are often a result of the tree seeking more water than is available in a park strip. He stated park strips are an imperfect planting area for trees, contributing to the cyclical nature of park strip tree populations. With the rising cost of secondary water, he questioned whether park strips would be a sustainable zone for horticulture in the future. Commissioner Wright suggested it would be helpful to know how much money other cities allocate for trees and how the funds are allocated. The Planning Commission thanked the Tree Board for meeting with them.

SOUTH MAIN STREET CORRIDOR DISCUSSION & PLANNING COMMISSION 2020/2021 GOALS

Referring to 2020/2021 Planning Commission goals, Mr. Snyder commented that significant community engagement occurred with the South Main Street Corridor (SMSC) Plan process, and expressed concern that dragging out the process might remove some of the perception of transparency. He emphasized the December 1, 2020 deadline for completing the update of the Transportation Plan element of the General Plan. Lisa Romney, City Attorney, commented that a complete update to the Subdivision Ordinance would be ready for review by the end of the year. Chair Hayman directed Staff to prioritize the Transportation Plan to meet the December deadline.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT AND COUNCIL UPDATE

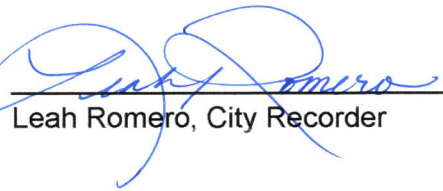
The Planning Commission was scheduled to meet next on August 12, 2020. Mr. Snyder updated the Commission on recent decisions of the City Council.

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

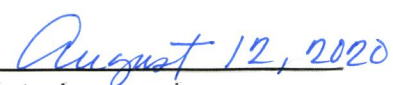
The minutes of the July 8, 2020 Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Summerhays **moved** to accept the minutes. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

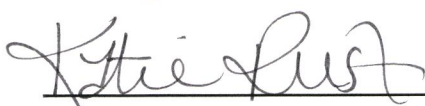
At 8:34 p.m., Chair Hayman **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (6-0).



Leah Romero, City Recorder



Date Approved



Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

