

City of Medical Lake
124 S. Lefevre Street – City Council Chambers
Planning Commission Meeting
June 27, 2024, Minutes

NOTE: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting is on file and available from City Hall.

1) CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

- a) Commissioner Hudson called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted roll call.
 - i) Commissioner Mark was ill and requested an absence. Motion to approve absence made by Commissioner Jorgenson, seconded by Commissioner Munson, carried 4-0.

2) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- a) Motion to move the Public Hearing before Scheduled Items made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Hudson, carried 4-0.
- b) Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Hudson, carried 3-1 with Commissioner Munson voting nay.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) May 16, 2024, Minutes
 - i) Motion to approve made by Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Mayulianos, carried 4-0.

4) INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

- a) Barb, a resident of Silver Lake (last name was unintelligible) – expressed disappointment in the Planning Commission and some staff. Upset that last month’s meeting was moved. Opposed to proposed Silver Lake annexation and utilities. Commissioner Hudson asked Ms. Rodriguez to address the Silver Lake complaint. Ms. Rodriguez explained that it is just a prospectus. It has not been moved forward. If money becomes available then the public process will begin.
- b) Sonya Sievers, a resident of Silver Lake, expressed her opinion that it appears that the Planning Commission wanted to exclude the community when the meeting was moved. Spoke on the Silver Lake issue.
- c) Art Kulibert, resident of Medical Lake, spoke on the Silver Lake issue and the recent shipping container decision and said that he appreciates meetings being available on YouTube.

5) STAFF REPORTS

- a) Elisa Rodriguez, City Planner – Thanked commissioners for their help with the Founders Day booth. Asked if there was any feedback. Commissioner Mayulianos suggested that the conversation newsletter has contact info. Ms. Rodriguez stated that she would appreciate one or more commissioners joining her at the July 6th Farmer’s Market.

6) PUBLIC HEARING – LU 2024-010 SD (Shoreline Substantial Development Review)

- a) Commissioner Hudson opened the public hearing at 6:05 pm, explained the purpose, and addressed the Appearance of Fairness. Commissioner Mayulianos shared that she has had ex-parte communication with opposing citizens on Facebook. Commissioner Hudson explained the process for the public hearing.
- b) Ms. Rodriguez gave a presentation. See attached.

- c) Public Testimony
 - i) Supporters
 - 1. Resident Art Kulibert – spoke in favor of the dock.
 - ii) Opponents
 - 1. Steve Morrow Resident – spoke on traffic, safety, and maintenance concerns of the project. Shared alternative ideas.
 - 2. Michael Berquist resident – lives next to the park. Shared concerns re: parking, vandalism, functionality, and noise because of proximity, among other things. Commissioner Hudson made a motion to allow an additional minute for Mr. Berquist, seconded by Commissioner Mayulianos, carried 4-0. Continued sharing concerns and alternative ideas.
 - iii) Commissioner Hudson closed the public hearing at 6:43 pm.
 - iv) Motion to continue the public hearing based on the results of the ecology report made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Munson, carried 4-0.

7) **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

- a) Comprehensive Plan Overview – Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces
 - i) Ms. Rodriguez shared that citizen comments were received regarding parks. *The full comments are part of the official record on file at City Hall and can be requested in person or by sending an e-mail to records@medical-lake.org.*
 - ii) Motion to table the topic until the next meeting made by Commissioner Hudson, seconded by Commissioner Mayulianos, carried 4-0.
- b) Sister Cities Program
 - i) Commissioner Munson spoke about Sister Cities programs and the possible benefits to Medical Lake. He suggested the possibility of Kauai as a sister city. The first step is for the Mayor to send a letter.
- c) Education Packet
 - i) Motion to table made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Jorgenson, carried 4-0.

8) **COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

- a) Commissioner Mayulianos – hearing complaints from citizens regarding our public bus stops. Scott Duncan, Public Works Director shared that with the Complete Streets program, new bus stops will be going in.
- b) Commissioner Jorgenson – asked about vandalism – seems to be more lately. Mr. Duncan stated that it has always been a problem but with social media, people are seeing it and being made aware. Discussed having a park host as in the past. Mr. Duncan indicated that they will be looking into that again in the future.
- c) Commissioner Munson – Supports dock at Coney Island. Would like to see more parks in the city.
- d) Commissioner Mayulianos - asked again about an educational wetland. Mr. Weathers shared about a restoration project for wetlands that burned offered by the Conservation Department.

9) **INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**

- a) Sonya Sievers, resident of Silver Lake– is there a requirement in the comprehensive plan for the size of parks? Ms. Rodriguez -there are different categories of parks. The city can choose how to design them.
- b) Art Kulibert, resident – spoke on open spaces. Many people walk in Medical Lake. A plus for a walking path is that it's hard to damage. Maybe do an agreement with state land to extend walking paths through that land.

10) CONCLUSION

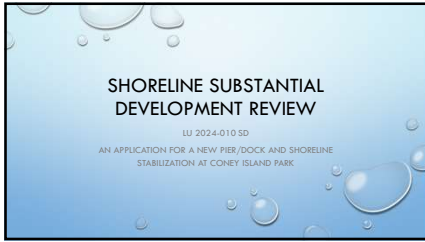
- a) Motion to conclude at 7:09 pm made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Jorgenson, carried 4-0.

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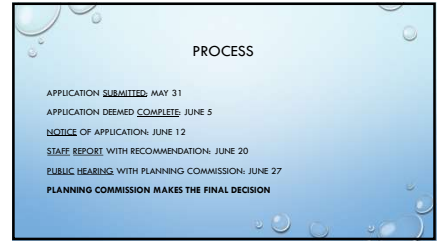
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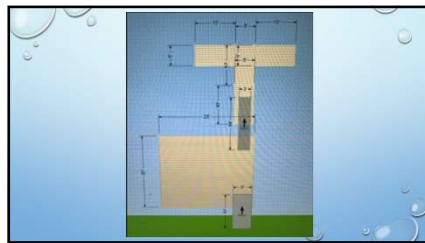
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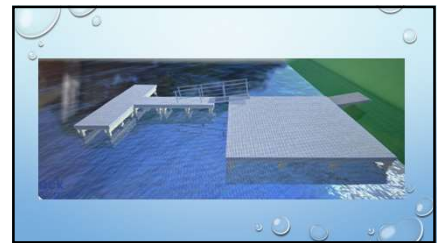
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