

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2023

Members Present: John Monette, Denis Chenette, Carole O'Connell, Kevin Mead

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney, Brandy Saxton

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Monette at 6:00 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022, Carole O'Connell seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Agenda Item:**
 - 1) **Bylaw Modernization Project:**

Utilizing a Crosswalk power point presentation and overlay mapping software, Brandy Saxton representing Place Sense Planning led a detailed line-item review of Chapter 2 Downtown District's proposed bylaws. The presentation prompted numerous questions and extensive discussion among Planning Commission members producing an insightful outline and direction for future work within this chapter. Areas of concentrated focus were:

 - A. Waterfront Dimensional Requirement's
 - B. Use Determination
 - C. Retail Requirement's
 - D. Residential Utilization of Downtown Area
 - E. Rental Registry
 - F. Linkage Corridors
 - G. Parking Requirement's
- **Old Business:** Frank Cheney relayed that guidance derived from the ongoing NVDA review of Newport's Flood Hazard Regulations should be available to the Planning Commission by the middle of February 2023.
- **New Business:** There was no new business.
- **Draft Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be January 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The Planning Commission agenda will be like tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Carole O'Connell made a motion to adjourn, Kevin Mead seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney
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Approved this 17 day of Jan., 2023.

Chair, Newport City Planning Commission