

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Monette at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023, Kevin Mead seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Agenda Item:**
 1. **Proposed Bylaw Amendment to section 210/Retail General Intentions**

The Planning Commission reviewed a Draft Amendment presented by Chair Monette updating Article 1 sections 210/211.01 of the Newport City Zoning Bylaws. Following an extensive discussion which produced unanimous consent to the draft language, Carole O'Connell made a motion to approve the Draft Amendment pending final consultation with Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense Planning, Denis Chenette seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.
 2. **Bylaw Modernization Project:** The benefits and drawbacks of Form Based Zoning were evaluated by the commission in preparation of a possible conceptual adjustment to the approach of planning regulation and goals in Newport City Downtown Districts.
- **Old Business:**

Frank Cheney provided members with tentative schedule dates for guest presenters at upcoming meetings.
- **New Business:**

There was no new business.
- **Draft Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be March 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The Planning Commission agenda will be like tonight's meeting with one additional item being added, a review of the Newport City Flood Regulations with Alison Low and Brandy Saxton.
- **Adjourn:** Kevin Mead made a motion to adjourn, Denis Chenette seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of March, 2023.



Chair, Newport City Planning Commission