

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
April 18,2023

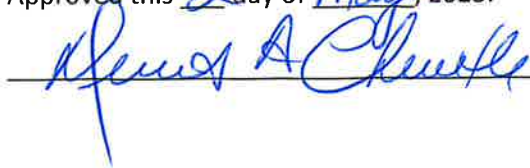
Members Present: Chair John Monette, Denis Chenette and Carole O' Connell

Members Absent: Kevin Mead

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney and Gina Cirelli

- **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 April 11, 2023, Carole O' Connell seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Agenda Item: Newport City Bylaw Modernization Project**
 1. The commission opened a discussion on the plans for holding a community forum to update and solicit input from the public on the proposed Zoning Regulations that have been drafted to date. Presentation points, perspective dates, time and logistics were finalized for submission to Brandy Saxton for coordination of the event.
 2. Parking requirements, challenges, and possible solutions to such especially as they relate to Newport's Downtown Districts where evaluated.
- **Old Business:** Chair Monette provided commission members with an overview of last night's Public Hearing on the proposed Interim Bylaw Amendment to Section 210 of the Newport City Zoning and Subdivision Regulations The amendment was consequently approved by the Newport City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting immediately following the Public Hearing and is effective immediately.
- **New Business:** Chair Monette introduced Letters of Intent recently received from two Newport City residents applying for the vacant position that currently exists on the planning commission. Carole O' Connell made a motion to move into executive session to discuss this personnel issue, the motion was seconded by Denis Chenette. The Planning Commission moved to a closed session at 8:15 p.m. and returned to an open session at 8:35 p.m. Upon their return the commission instructed Frank Cheney to arrange interviews with the prospective candidates at an upcoming meeting.
- **Draft Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on May 2, 2023, at 6:30p.m. The Agenda will be like tonight's Agenda with work to continue The Bylaw Modernization Project.
- **Adjourn:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to adjourn, Denis Chenette seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved this 2 day of May, 2023.



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Chair, Newport City Planning Commission