

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024

Members Present: John Monette Chair, Denis Chenette, Carole O' Connell, Gina Cirelli and Jay Walsh

Members Absent: Kevin Mead

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Monette at 6:40 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2024, Denis Chenette seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Newport Downtown Master Plan-** The commission initiated a detailed review of the proposed Newport City Downtown Master Plan by reviewing the individual development concepts for general compliance with Newport's Draft Unified Development Regulations. Extensive discussion was generated regarding both the specific recommendations contained within and overall goals of the proposal. The initial reaction of the members was generally positive with a few areas being identified as deserving of additional attention at the 12/3/2024 meeting.
- **Bylaw Modernization-** Agenda Item was moved to 12/3/2024 meeting
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:**
 - 1) Chair Monette informed members that the pending sale of the former convent building had been completed, which will allow for the commencement of the proposed multifamily redevelopment of this site to begin in the foreseeable future.
 - 2) Caroll O' Connell presented a report sponsored by the AARP Public Policy Institute outlining the individual components of their recently published Livability Index of the Newport area.
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting with be held on Dec 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will be like tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn, Gina Cirelli seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of December 2024.

Chair, Newport City Planning Commission