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KOOTENAI COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
March 31, 2022 1:30 p.m.
Room 1 and Virtual Workshop
451 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID
83814

Planning Commissioners Present

Madeline David
David Dean
David Levine
Paul Glader
Cheri Zao
Deborah Rose
Barry Stearns

Staff Members Present:

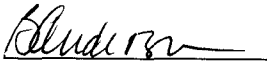
David Callahan
Pat Braden (on Zoom)
Ben Tarbutton
Jennifer Conner
Betsy Anderson

Planning Commissioner Absent

None

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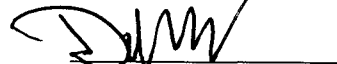
PREPARED BY:



Betsy Anderson
Deputy Clerk

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REVIEWED BY:



David Levine
Chair



The Planning and Zoning Commission is an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners.

Call to Order:

Chair Levine called the workshop to order for March 31, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of March 10, 2022 minutes:

Chair Levine asked for changes to the workshop minutes. A motion to approve the workshop minutes of March 3, 2022 was made by Commissioner Dean and seconded by Commissioner Zao. All voted aye by a voice vote and the motion passed.

Workshop Agenda Items:

A. Discussion of Fire District Impact Fees

Anne Wescott from Galena Consulting began her presentation by explaining that impact growth in our county is having an effect on the Fire Districts' ability to maintain current service levels when responding to calls. The discussion today is focused on providing the Planning Commission with an understanding of how impact fees work, the Fire Districts' capital improvement plans and the methodology for establishing the fee structure. She added that other tax districts are also looking at requesting impact fees to fund the impact of growth in their area.

Ms. Wescott stated that The Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee approved the capital improvement plans and impact fee proposals that were reviewed today. She answered questions from the planning commissioners. To allow for the approval of impact fees, the Comprehensive Plan would need to be amended to allow this option for each of the Districts. The Planning Commission and Community Development will work together to consider draft language and gather public input prior to making any decision.

B. Discussion of Housing Issues

Kiki Miller, member of the Coeur d'Alene City Council, briefed the Planning Commission on the work being done by the Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership regarding the affordable housing issue. She added that the advisory group is trying to find data-supported solutions and provide a framework to implement those solutions using both private and public resources. She explained that the group has completed a housing affordability and availability study, assessed local workers' needs and developed outreach strategies to make people aware of their work and how they can help. Ms. Miller responded to questions presented by the Commission members. Director Callahan is a member of the working group and will provide updates to the Planning Commission.

Announcements:

- Chair Levine asked Director Callahan to focus on completing the comprehensive plan policies currently under review rather than concentrating on developing new policies for consideration.
- April workshops are scheduled for April 14th and April 28th at 1:30 pm. The April 28th meeting will be held in meeting room 2.

Workshop ended at 3:11 p.m.