

**MAULDIN PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 27, 2020 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Paulsen (Chair), Michael Forman, Chris Paglialunga, Raj Reddy, Dean Oang, Kaitlyn Woolard

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: David Dyrhaug

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Paulsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Mr. Dyrhaug held roll call.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Forman moved to accept the August 25, 2020, Planning Commission minutes.

Mr. Oang seconded the motion.

The motion to accept the August 25, 2020, Planning Commission minutes passed by unanimous vote, 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Planning Commission Vision and Goals

Mr. Dyrhaug provided a summary of the joint planning workshop held between the Planning Commission and the City Council on September 29, 2020. That workshop discussion covered an array of topics including City Center, commercial growth, neighborhood planning and housing, infrastructure and transportation, community facilities, zoning and development strategies, city branding, and public engagement.

The Planning Commission discussed objectives and strategies as it begins to approach undertaking a comprehensive planning effort. Most of this discussion centered on public engagement strategies.

The Planning Commission discussed using technology including online platforms and social media to engage the public. The Planning Commission acknowledged that some groups of the public may lack resources and access to the Internet and social media. The Planning Commission also suggested that the amphitheater might be a venue to consider using for public meetings. The Planning Commission identified the need to prepare displays that depict how various projects in the City contribute to the City's vision. The Planning Commission recommended having a dedicated webpage for its comprehensive planning effort. It was asked if it is appropriate to solicit sponsors.

Individual members of the Planning Commission expressed interest in assisting with various aspects of the comprehensive planning effort. This included the online engagement strategy (Ms. Woolard), preparing survey questions (Mr. Forman), in-person engagement strategy (Mr. Paglialunga), identifying focus groups (Mr. Forman), and website strategies (Mr. Reddy).

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oang moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Paglialunga seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn this meeting passed by unanimous vote, 6-0.

The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.