

**Sandy Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 22, 2022**

Chair Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. MEETING FORMAT NOTICE: Instructions for electronic meeting

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Wegener – Present
Commissioner Poulin – Present
Commissioner Lee – Present
Commissioner Ramseyer – Present
Commissioner Hook – Absent
Commissioner Myhrum – Present
Chair Crosby – Present

Council Liaison Mayton – Present

Others present: Development Services Director Kelly O'Neill Jr., Executive Assistant
Rebecca Markham

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 24, 2023

Chair Crosby asked for any edits to the draft minutes. With no requested edits, Crosby declared the minutes approved.

4. REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR – CITIZEN COMMUNICATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

5. RECOGNITION

Chairman Crosby recognized two former Planning Commissioners, Hollis Maclean-Wenzel and Chris Mayton. Both were thanked and recognized for their years serving as Commissioners and were both gifted a personalized picture of Jonsrud Viewpoint.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Development Services Director O'Neill reminded the Commission of the meeting on June 26, 2023, that will include a hearing about a 78-unit apartment building known as Cascade Creek. There is no meeting scheduled in July.

7. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Council Liaison Chris Mayton updated the Commissioners on the recent budget discussions. He shared how the city had additional funds that were given to phase two of the new park as well as half a million dollars that was placed in reserves for future projects.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Transportation System Plan (TSP) (23-011 CPA):

Chair Crosby opened the public hearing on File No. 23-011 CPA at 6:41 p.m. Crosby called for any abstentions, conflicts of interest, ex-parte contact, challenges to the jurisdiction of the

Planning Commission, or any challenges to any individual member of the Planning Commission. No challenges were made, and no declarations were made by the Planning Commission.

Staff Report:

Director O’Neill introduced the City’s Traffic Engineer consultants, Reah Flisakowski and Dock Rosenthal from DKS. O’Neill also introduced Public Works Superintendent Ryan Wood who has been very instrumental in making modifications to the TSP.

Presentation:

Reah Flisakowski
DKS Associates
1050 SW 6th Ave, Suite 600
Portland, OR 97204

City Traffic Engineer, Reah Flisakowski, presented a slide show on the draft 2023 Transportation System Plan (TSP). She covered the process related to updating the TSP and shared some background information, as well as explained why the TSP is currently being updated. She also shared that the last update was in 2009.

Flisakowski also covered the project schedule, public outreach projects, goals, the evaluation process, and the funding shortfall. The high priority and financially constrained projects were highlighted.

Chairman Crosby asked Flisakowski for a better listing of the acronyms used as a few were not defined in the draft TSP. Flisakowski agreed and will update the acronyms before presenting the TSP to City Council.

Crosby also voiced concerns over the bike projects listed on page 34 that mention removing parking in favor of restriping for bike lanes. Dock Rosenthal explained these were not high priority projects and were only pulled from the current TSP which had a cost that was developed on restriping only and not widening. O’Neill confirmed that those restriping projects were not moving forward anytime soon and would require more in-depth conversations.

Commissioner Wegener asked how the nine goals were evaluated and if any prioritization was given to lower income neighborhoods. O’Neill agreed that it’s very important to look at this from the equity lens and Rosenthal followed up and explained they did look at the Census data with equity considerations. O’Neill also spoke about our current programs such as the “safe routes to school” infrastructure improvements that are very important and reminded the Commission of the Community Development Block Grant funding for lower income neighborhoods.

Commissioner Ramseyer asked how the discrepancies would be handled between the Sandy Development Code (SDC) and the TSP and which one would be changed to be consistent. Flisakowski felt for consistency, the SDC would be updated to have similar language as the newly adopted TSP. O’Neill agreed and explained the code would get updated during the Clear and Objective Audit with adoption anticipated this fall.

Crosby asked that the maps in the TSP include information on ‘local’ street connections. Flisakowski agreed to work with staff to create a local street connection map.

Crosby also had some concerns over the timing of the TSP adoption and the SDC updates in the fall. He believes there’s a “gap” that could be exploited until the SDC is updated. O’Neill

explained the risk is low during the moratorium. He did however say that if we were not in a moratorium, we would want to do the code edits simultaneously with the TSP adoption to avoid such “gaps”.

Motion: Motion to open the public hearing

Staff Recap:

O’Neill thought that once the road maintenance budget is replenished the City can start deciding what the next priority projects are. He also mentioned that City Council will be considering raising the SDC fees which could help add additional priority projects in the future.

Commissioner Lee asked what projects the City is currently funding with the “vehicle registration” tax and both O’Neill and Flisakowski said the extension of Bell Street and 362nd Avenue.

Public Testimony:

None

Motion: Motion to close the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Moved By: Commissioner Wegener

Seconded By: Commissioner Poulin

Yes votes: All Ayes

No votes: None

Abstentions: None

Motion: Motion to forward a recommendation to City Council to adopt the Transportation System Plan with changes as mentioned by the Commission.

Moved By: Commissioner Wegener

Seconded By: Commissioner Lee

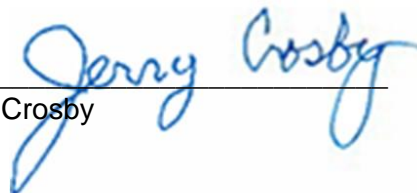
Yes votes: Wegener, Lee, Poulin, Ramseyer, Myhrum, and Crosby

No votes: None

Abstentions: None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Crosby adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



Chair Jerry Crosby

Attest:



Kelly O’Neill Jr., Development Services
Director

Date signed: 6/26/23